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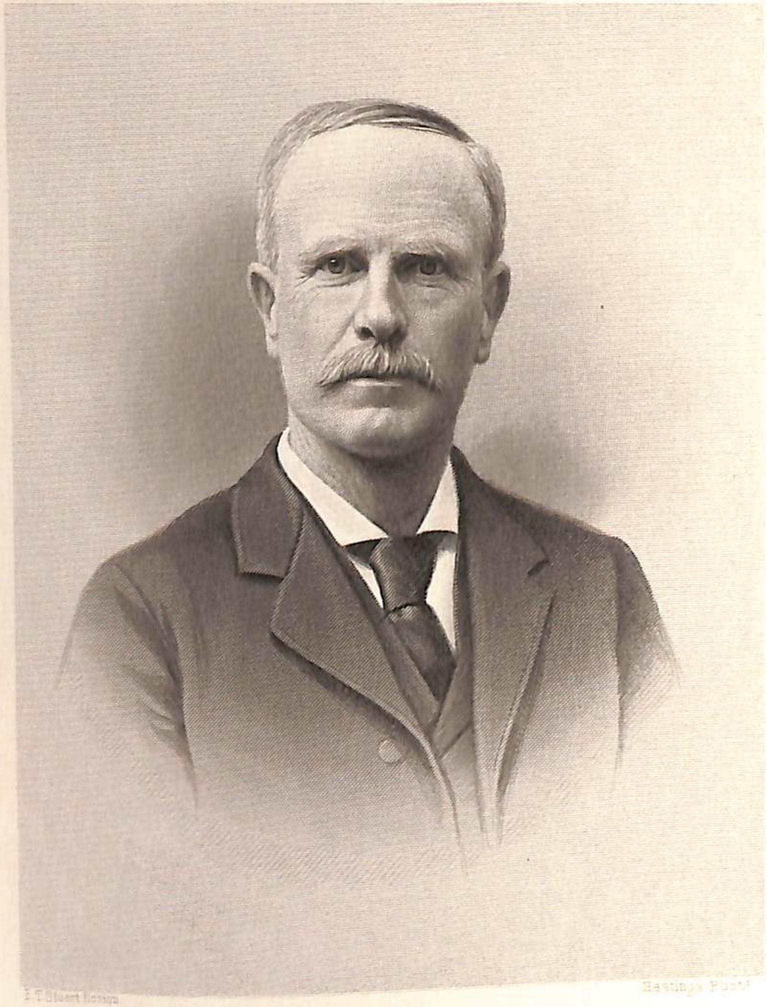
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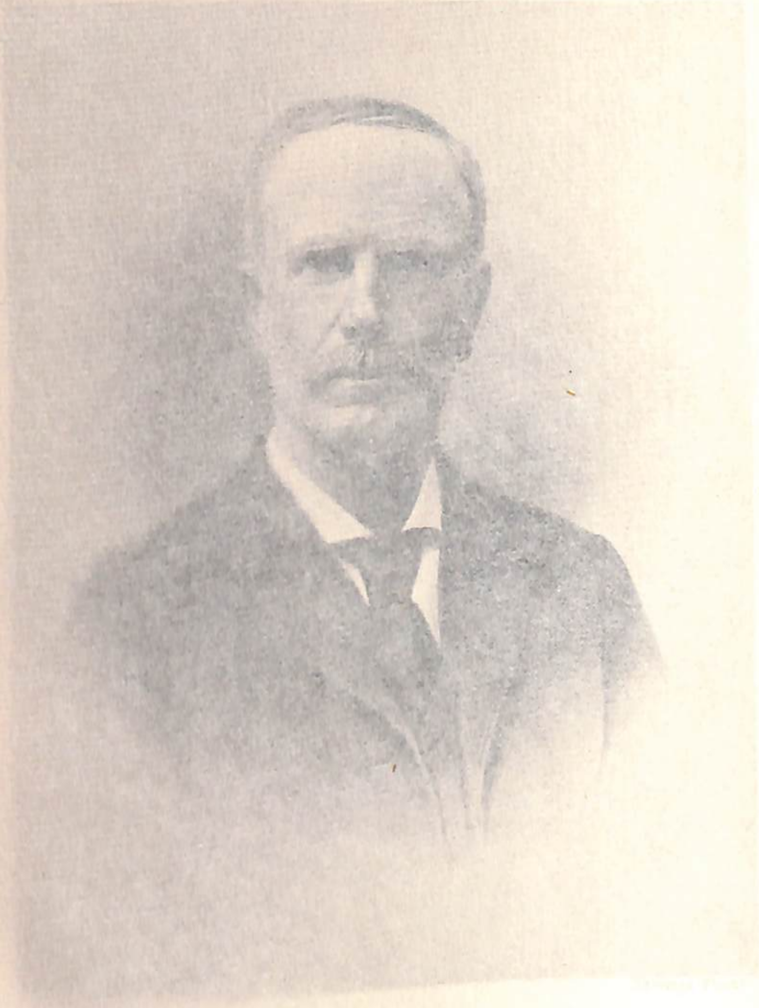

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

AT ITS

SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

MAY 24, 1894.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in Freemasons Hall, in the City of Providence, R. I., on Thursday, May 24th, A. D. 1894, A. O. 776.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

R. E. Sir CHARLES C. FRY	Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir SAMUEL C LAWRENCE	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir EUGENE H. RICHARDS	Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir WILLIAM R. WALKER	Grand Captain General.
E. Sir WALTER CUTTING	Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir GEORGE L. SHEPLEY	Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir JAMES H. UPHAM	Grand Treasurer.

E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell	Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Herbert F. Morse	Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir Winthrop Messenger	Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir George E. Hilton	Grand Warder.
E. Sir Henry G. Jordan	Grand Captain of Guards.
E. Sir George H. Kenyon	Grand Lecturers.
E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey	
E. Sir Henry D. Wilder	Grand Sentinel.

PERMANENT MEMBERS BEING PAST GRAND OFFICERS WHO WERE PRESENT.

R. E. Sir Rev Henry W. Rugg,
R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders,
R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson,
R. E. Sir George H. Burnham,
R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott,
R. E. Sir George H. Allen,
R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman,
R. E. Sir James Swords,
R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain,
R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES NEAR THIS GRAND COMMANDERY WHO WERE PRESENT.

California	R. E. Sir James Swords.
Colorado	E. Sir Smith B. Harrington.
Connecticut	E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis.
Georgia	E Sir Henry G. Jordan.
Illinois	E. Sir Newton D. Arnold.
Indiana	E. Sir James H. Upham.
Iowa	E. Sir George H. Kenyon.
Louisiana	E. Sir George E. Stacy.
Maryland	R. E Sir George H. Burnham.
Maine	E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey.
Minnesota	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.
Mississippi	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell
Missouri	R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson.
Nebraska	R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg.
New Jersey	E. Sir Joseph W. Hill.
New York	R. E. Sir George H. Allen.
North Carolina	R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman.
Ohio	R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders.
Tennessee	E. Sir William D. Pool.
Texas	R. E. Sir George H. Burnham.
Vermont	R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain.
West Virginia	E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew.
Wyoming	E. Sir Eugene A. Holton.

MEMBERS BEING PAST COMMANDERS WHO WERE PRESENT.

*George H. Allen,
Newton D. Arnold,
Ira W. Arnold,
George W. Bishop,
Rufus G. Brown,
E. Dana Bancroft,
Henry S. Bunton,
George V. Barrett,
Zachariah L. Bicknell,
Owen B. Bestor,
Horace E. Boynton,
James M. Bishop,
J. Herbert Bowen,
*Walter Cutting,
*Robert H. Chamberlain,
George B. Cochrane,
Arthur E. Codding,
George Cushing,
Charles H. Crane,
William F. Chester,
George T. Coppins,
J. Frank Child,
Arthur W. Dennis,
Andrew B. Eddy,
Artemus B. Edmunds,
S. Alden Eastman,
*Charles C. Fry,
Henry Fisher,
Frederick J. Foss,
Wyatt A. Fowler,
William A. Farnsworth,
Edward A. Fitts,
William Fearing, 2d,
Seth S. Getchell,
E. C. Gardner,
Martin M. Hancock,
William Humphrey,
Joseph W. Hill,
*George E. Hilton,
*Freeman C. Hersey,
Eugene A. Holton,
John B. Hill,
Theodore B. Hazzard,
John Heathcote,
*Charles C. Hutchinson,
Smith B. Harrington,
Nathaniel Jewett,
*Henry G. Jordan,
*George H. Kenyon,
Thomas Kellough,
George W. Kingman,
Theodore L. Kelley,
*Samuel C. Lawrence,
Judson C. Makenzie,
Edwin C. Martin,
*Herbert F. Morse,
Peter Nerney,
Forrest A. Peck,
William H. Perry,
Henry A. Pierce,
Alfred G. Pierce,
George W. Pettis,
*Rev. Henry W. Rugg,
*Benjamin W. Rowell,
*Eugene H. Richards,
Stafford W. Razee,
William Robinson,
George H. Rhodes,
Clinton D. Sellew,
*George L. Shepley,
*Charles A. Stott,
Samuel G. Stiness,
John F. Street,
Baalis Sanford,
George A. Sweet,
George E. Stacy,
Sullivan C. Sumner,
*James Swords,
*William H. H. Soule,
James L. Sherman,
R. James Tatman,
*James H. Upham,
James H. Waite,
Stillman White,

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* Represented in Grand or Past Grand Officers.

Hunter C. White,
Walter M. Wright,
Fred. O. Welch,
A. Frank Welch,
John H. Wetherell,
*William R. Walker.

The following from the Councils of Subordinate Commanderies were present at the Conclave:

Saint John's Commandery.

Harry P. Smith, E. C.
Henry S. Richardson, G.

Boston Commandery.

Charles I. Litchfield, E. C.
Henry H. Litchfield, G.

Washington Commandery.

Andrew J. DeBlois, E. C.
H. C. Stevens, Jr., C. G.

Worcester County Commandery.

Charles A. Peabody, E. C.
A. Frank Gates, G.

Springfield Commandery.

Henrie A. Prouty, E. C.

De Molay Commandery.

Zacheus Holmes, E. C.
William B. Learned, G.

Palestine Commandery.

Henry T. Holmes, E. C.

Milford Commandery.

George S. Whitney, E. C.
Horace E. Whitney, C. G.

Saint Bernard Commandery.

Henry S. Rowe, E. C.
J. Foster Bush, G.

Calvary Commandery.

Theo. V. Matteson, E. C.
Frank G. Stiles, G.

Haverhill Commandery.

George E. Mitchell, E. C.
George L. Emerson, G.
David O. Clark, C. G.

Sutton Commandery.

Henry W. Mason, E. C.
William H. Waterman, G.

Jerusalem Commandery.

David A. Corey, E. C.

Saint Omer Commandery

Charles J. Miller, E. C.
James Hill, G.
William H. Puffer, C. G.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Franklin E. Snow, E. C.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Daniel W. Senior, E. C.
Fred W. Arnold, G.
A. B. White, C. G.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

Abbott E. Slade, E. C.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Charles E. Draper, G.

William Parkman Commandery.

William G. Smith, G.
Edward G. Graves, C. G.

Bristol Commandery.

Elton I. Franklin, E. C.
George H. Sykes, C. G.

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* Represented in Grand or Past Grand Officers.

South Shore Commandery.

Thomas J. Evans, E. C.
Francis A. Bicknell, G.

Trinity Commandery.

Stevens A. Holt, G.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

George F. Mullett, E. C.
Joseph H. Whiton, G.

Natick Commandery.

James Downs, E. C.
John J. Van Valkenburgh, C. G.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Clarence Tebbetts, C. G.

Olivet Commandery.

George E. Hilton, E. C.
Rufus E. Hilliard, G.
Charles A. Alley, C. G.

Cyprus Commandery.

Albert G. Webb, E. C.
Alonzo B. Wentworth, G.
George Miles, C. G.

Athol Commandery.

Sidney T. Smith, E. C.

Saint Paul Commandery.

Walter S. Carr, E C.
H. C. Tower, G.

Beauseant Commandery.

Jesse Cudworth, E. C.
F. T. Hawley, G.

Bethlehem Commandery.

Edwin H. Bradley, E. C.

Cambridge Commandery.

Charles O. Welch, E. C.
Charles M. Pear, G.
John G. Thorogood, C. G.

Saint George Commandery.

Edward L. Giddings, E. C.

Two hundred and three Sir Knights were registered as being present at the Conclave.

The roll of Commanderies was called at this time and the following responded:

No. 1	St. John's	Providence, R. I.
2	Boston	Boston, Mass.
4	Washington	Newport, R. I.
5	Worcester County	Worcester, Mass.
6	Springfield	Springfield, Mass.
7	De Molay	Boston, Mass.
8	Holy Sepulchre	Pawtucket, R. I.
9	Pilgrim	Lowell, Mass.
10	Palestine	Chelsea, Mass.
11	Milford	Milford, Mass.
12	St. Bernard	Boston, Mass.
13	Calvary	Providence, R. I.

No. 14	Haverhill	Haverhill, Mass.
16	Sutton	New Bedford, Mass.
17	Bethany	Lawrence, Mass.
18	Winslow Lewis	Salem, Mass.
19	Jerusalem	Fitchburg, Mass.
20	Hugh de Payens	Melrose, Mass.
21	St. Omer	South Boston, Mass.
22	Berkshire	Pittsfield, Mass.
23	Connecticut Valley	Greenfield, Mass.
24	Woonsocket	Woonsocket, R. I.
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	Fall River, Mass.
26	Joseph Warren	Roxbury, Mass.
27	Narragansett	Westerly, R. I.
28	William Parkman	East Boston, Mass.
29	Bristol	North Attleboro, Mass.
30	Northampton	Northampton, Mass.
31	South Shore	East Weymouth, Mass.
32	Trinity	Hudson, Mass.
33	Natick	Natick, Mass.
34	Cœur de Lion	Charlestown, Mass.
35	Gethsemane	Newtonville, Mass.
36	Olivet	Lynn, Mass.
37	Athol	Athol, Mass.
38	Bay State	Brockton, Mass.
39	Cyprus	Hyde Park, Mass.
40	St. Paul	North Adams, Mass.
41	Beauseant	Malden, Mass.
42	Cambridge	Cambridge, Mass.
43	Bethlehem	Gloucester, Mass.
44	St. George	Beverly, Mass.

Representatives from Newburyport and Old Colony Commanderies being absent.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at 11:15 o'clock A. M. for the dispatch of business.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D., acting as Grand Prelate.

The records of the Annual Conclave of October 26, 1893, having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE OF THE DAY.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed E. Sirs Clinton D. Sellew and Arthur W. Dennis, a Committee of the Day, and that a collation would be served at one o'clock, P. M., under their supervision.

SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery :—Meeting today on the Eighty-eighth Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Body our thoughts should first be turned toward Him, "Who doeth all things well," in words of thanksgiving that so many of us have been spared and allowed to participate in the deliberations of to-day. We should be especially thankful that in this Grand Commandery no dissensions have arisen to detract from the dignity of the Order, that the Subordinate Commanderies are prospering and that throughout this jurisdiction there is abundant evidence that the Knights Templars of to-day are better known and held in greater respect than ever before in the history of this Grand Commandery. But while we rejoice at the general prosperity of our Order, we remember that the "angel of death" has been among us and removed from our ranks some of our most valued and honored associates. We especially mourn the loss of one, who has not only filled an important office in this Grand Commandery, but as Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery has left behind him a record of knightly deeds and honest, hard labor in the interests of Templar Masonry, and in the death of Em. Sir John L. Stevenson we feel that there has gone from us a Sir Knight of marked abilities.

We have been also reminded that our sister jurisdictions have been called upon to mourn the loss of honored friends and wise counsellors.

R. Em. Sir George M. Post, Past Grand Commander of Kansas, died October 26, 1893.

R. Em. Sir Reuben Peden, Grand Commander of Indiana, in 1887 and 1888, died December 1, 1893.

R. Em. Sir Philip Dodridge McCulloch, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, died December 26, 1893.

R. Em. Sir George Cooper Connor, Past Grand Commander of Tennessee, and Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America, died March 9, 1894. In the official notice from the Grand Master announcing the death of Sir Connor appears the following:

> "A Sir Knight has fallen with talents of no common order—true in his friendships, faithful in the discharge of his duty, kind and generous, upright in every act, devoted and beloved by all who knew him. Earnest and honest in every thought, warm in his attachments and conscientious in the discharge of his duties."

In the Triennial Conclave of 1892 Sir Connor, as a member of the Committee on Ritual, will long be remembered by all who listened to his rendering of that work, and it was indeed a pleasure to receive from his lips the first impressions of what is now the ritual of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Em. Sir George Lampman, Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, who had filled many other Masonic offices, died January 29, 1894.

R. Em. Sir Charles C. Baer, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, died March 28, 1894. For the first time in the history of the Order have the Knights Templars of Pennsylvania been called upon to mourn the loss of their Grand Commander. Occupying the highest office in the gift of his Grand Commandery he has been called to a still higher and nobler station and while with awe and sorrow we unite with our Fraters of Pennsylvania in mourning his death, may we hope that when summoned from our labor to rest we may be able like him to bow without murmur? "Thy will be done."

Orders and Assignments.

In accordance with the requirements of this Grand Commandery I issued the following order:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
Lynn, Mass., Oct. 30, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775.

General Orders No. 1.

The several Commanderies within this Jurisdiction are assigned for Official Visitation and Inspection as follows:

To R. E Sir Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander—De Molay, Pilgrim, Winslow Lewis, Cœur de Lion, Saint George.

To E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Commander—Springfield, Hugh de Payens, Saint Omer, Cambridge.

To E. Sir Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo—Saint John's, Sutton, Joseph Warren, Natick, Saint Paul's.

To E. Sir William R Walker, Grand Captain General—Boston, Haverhill, Berkshire, William Parkman, Trinity.

To E. Sir Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden—Saint Bernard, Calvary, Woonsocket, Northampton, South Shore.

To E. Sir George L. Shepley, Grand Junior Warden—Old Colony, Connecticut Valley, Narragansett, Bristol, Olivet.

To E. Sir George H. Kenyon, Grand Lecturer—Worcester County, Palestine, Bethany, Godfrey de Bouillon, Cyprus.

To E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer—Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Bay State, Beauseant, Bethlehem.

To E. Sir Charles C. Osgood, Grand Lecturer—Newburyport, Washington, Holy Sepulchre, Milford, Athol.

The Inspecting Officers will report to the Grand Commander on or before October 1, 1894, the condition of the Commanderies assigned to them. The Grand Commander requests the Eminent Commander of each Subordinate Commandery to cause the Recorder of his Commandery to send a notice of each Conclave to him, and also to the Inspecting Officer assigned to said Commandery during the Templar year.

This Order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the stated Conclave after its receipt.

CHARLES C. FRY,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

November 16 the following Special Order was issued:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
Lynn, Mass., Nov. 16, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775.

Special Orders No. 1.

To all Knights Templars of Obedience to this Grand Commandery:

Em. and Dear Fraters:—You are hereby notified that so much of General Order No. 1 as relates to the Official Visitation and Inspection of Woonsocket and Saint Paul Commanderies is hereby revoked.

The following assignments are announced:

To E. Sir Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo, Woonsocket Commandery.

To E. Sir Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden, Saint Paul Commandery.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this 16th day of November, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775.

CHARLES C. FRY,
Grand Commander.

Teste:
B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

Considering that a uniformity should exist at the several inspections of the Subordinate Commanderies the following circular was issued:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
Lynn, Mass., November 27, 1893.

Official Circular No. 2.

The following instructions are issued for the guidance of the Grand Officers when officially visiting Subordinate Commanderies assigned to them for inspection, and for all others interested:

1. Attention is called to the following resolution passed at the Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in May, 1890, which is hereby promulgated as a part of the laws governing the Order:

> "The Recorder of each Subordinate Commandery shall enter in his records the number of members of the Commandery present in uniform, as well as the number of members present not in uniform, during the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood at each Conclave, and shall report to the Inspecting Officers at the date of the inspection the number of members owning uniforms. The Inspecting Officers will make full returns of these items to the Grand Commander."

2. The Digest of the Grand Commandery provides that:

> "Upon the occasion of all official visits to Subordinate Commanderies the several officers of the Grand Commandery shall appear clothed in appropriate regalia, to the extent of Sword and Belt, Regulation Shoulder Straps, Chapeau, White Gloves and Badge of Office."

The Grand Commander desires that each Inspecting Officer and each member of his Suite conform to the above requirements

3. The ceremony at the reception of Grand Officers, when visiting a Commandery officially, will be conducted in accordance with the form prescribed in the Knights Templars' Tactics, adopted by the Grand Commandery.

4. Inspecting Officers will examine the records of the Commandery under inspection, and see that they are made full and complete, in proper form and neatly and carefully kept. They will observe that the Charter of the Commandery is present in the Asylum, and that it is well preserved; that the By-Laws of the Commandery, the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, are in the Asylum. They will also observe and report as to the proficiency shown in the rendition of the Ritual and attendant ceremonies.

5. The Grand Commander desires that Inspecting Officers will impress upon the minds of members of Subordinate Commanderies the necessity of making due preparation for the Triennial Conclave of the Grand En-

campment of Knights Templars of the United States of America to be held at Boston, August 27, 1895.

6. In order to obtain systematic reports of the strength and standing of the Commanderies, Inspecting Officers will make condensed returns on the accompanying blanks prepared for that purpose, and will accompany their reports with a full and extended account of any other matters of importance that shall come under their observation.

The financial exhibit is not for publication, but for the information of the Grand Commander, that he may be fully posted as to the condition of the Order generally. If a Commandery objects to giving its financial statement, that portion of the blanks may be left unfilled.

CHARLES C. FRY,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

Having received the report of the Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and believing that, if brought to their attention, nearly every Knight Templar within this jurisdiction would be pleased to respond, I issued the following order:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
Lynn, Mass., Nov. 16, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775.

General Orders No. 2.

To all Knights Templars within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery:

Dear Fraters:—The Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America has prepared the following toast:

"*To our Most Eminent Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy.*—A hundred thousand Knights Templars send greetings, wishing him a Merry Christmas, with peace, health and happiness."

And the Grand Master has sent the following response:

"*To the Valiant Sir Knights of the Nineteenth Century, one hundred thousand strong.*—Noble sons of illustrious ancestors, whose knightly lives shed increasing lustre upon a glorious past and illumine the present with the inspiring hope of a brighter future."

The Committee requests "all true Templars and their friends, wherever dispersed, on land or sea, to join in these sentiments, on Monday, December 25th, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775, at noon, Eastern Standard time."

In testimony of the loyalty of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and our respect for the Grand Master, let every Sir Knight, whoever he may be, at the specified time, join with the Grand Commander in sending greetings to Most Eminent Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy, wishing him a Merry Christmas, with peace, health and happiness.

It is ordered that this Notice be read at the head of each Commandery at, and borne upon the notice of, the Stated Conclave next preceding December 25th, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this 16th day of November, A. D. 1893, A. O. 775.

CHARLES C. FRY,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

The response was most gratifying. From all over this jurisdiction the notices of the Conclaves of the Subordinate Commanderies bore upon them a copy of this order. Many Commanderies met and at the hour specified united in sending greetings to our Grand Master. The Grand Commander was not forgotten and many messages filled with kind and tender words bore witness to the love and fealty of the senders towards this Grand Commandery.

Installation of Grand Officers.

On January 3, within the Asylum of Olivet Commandery I installed Em. Sir James H. Upham into the office of Grand Treasurer.

On January 9, Em. Sir Charles T. Chase, having been commissioned by me, installed Em. Sir Charles C. Osgood into the office of Grand Lecturer in the Asylum of Haverhill Commandery.

Orange Commandery.

At the Annual Conclave in 1893 a dispensation was granted

Orange Commandery of Orange, Mass., to confer the Orders of Knighthood. In compliance with the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island this Commandery has been visited and inspected. It was found to be provided with suitable apartments and an equipment not excelled in this jurisdiction. The officers were fully informed of their duties and conferred the Orders correctly and impressively. They will to-day present for your consideration a record of their proceedings under dispensation and request that a Charter be granted them, and to this request I give my official recommendation.

New Ritual.

The most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America having promulgated the Ritual adopted at the Twenty-fifth Triennial Conclave in 1892, and the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island having, on October 1, 1893, issued an order prohibiting the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood in this jurisdiction by any other form of Ritual after January 1, 1894, it became the duty of the Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies to conform with the requirements of the order. Many had already familiarized themselves, and conferred the Orders in accordance with the new Ritual long before the specified time, and all Commanderies on the date ordered were prepared to comply with the order of the Grand Commander.

Dispensations.

At the request of Eminent Commanders the following dispensations have been granted :

Berkshire Commandery to appear with uniform and banner at the reception of Palestine Commandery of New York at Madison Square Garden, New York city, on Wednesday evening, January 31, permission having also been granted by the Grand Commander of the State of New York.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery to appear in uniform on Easter Day, March 25, and attend divine service at Trinity Church, Pawtucket.

Pilgrim Commandery to appear in regalia on the evening of Sunday, March 25, for the purpose of attending church service.

Palestine Commandery to parade in uniform on Sunday, March 25, and attend Easter service in Music Hall, Boston, and during the absence of the Grand Commander from the State, dispensations were granted by the Deputy Grand Commander to DeMolay, Boston, St. Omer, William Parkman, Beauseant, Hugh de Payens and Cambridge Commanderies to parade on Sunday, March 25, in full Templar regalia with banners, for the purpose of attending an Easter service at Music Hall, Boston.

Woonsocket Commandery to appear in full Templar regalia on Easter Day, March 25, for the purpose of attending divine service.

South Shore Commandery to appear with banner and in uniform on Ascension Day, May 3, for the purpose of attending divine service at the Methodist Church, East Weymouth.

Springfield Commandery to parade upon the streets of Springfield in full Templar regalia with banner and band for the purpose of attending divine service on Ascension Day, May 3.

Cambridge Commandery to parade in uniform on Wednesday evening, May 2, for the purpose of attending service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cambridge.

Joseph Warren Commandery to appear in uniform and parade in Roxbury on the evening of Ascension Day, May 3, and attend divine service.

Jerusalem Commandery to appear in uniform and attend divine service at Leominster on Sunday, May 6.

The request of Hugh de Payens Commandery for permission to parade in Wakefield, with uniform and banners, to take part in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the town of Reading, was refused.

Dispensations have also been granted Commanderies to receive and refer petitions for the Orders at special conclaves, and ballot upon the applications before the expiration of four weeks, with the requirement that proper notice shall be given of such action.

The interest taken by Subordinate Commanderies in the festival days of the Christian Church deserves special attention. It is most fitting that Knights Templars, belonging to an institution founded upon the Christian religion and having among their emblems the cross of Calvary, should upon these distinctive days of Christian observance unite not as indviduals but as organized bodies, acting under the sanction of this Grand Commandery, and demonstrate to the world at large that they are true believers in the Christian religion.

The observance of Easter Day by the Knights Templars of Boston and vicinity, under the leadership of De Molay Commandery, was a notable event in the history of this Grand Commandery. Seven hundred Knights Templars in full regalia with banners, marched to Music Hall, Boston, and participated in the services of the day. It was an occasion which any Knight Templar present must have been proud of, and demonstrated that an institution having for its foundation Christianity need not fear the attacks of any power, civil or ecclesiastical.

DECISIONS.

I have been requested to render my decision on various matters pertaining to the government of the Subordinate Commanderies. Many of the answers could have been found in the digest of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery, but I have given all careful consideration and returned answers, which were in my opinion strictly in accordance with Templar Law. The question was asked, "Do the By-laws of a Commandery exempting an honorary member from payment of dues conflict with the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, which declare that the election of a member of the same Commandery as an honorary member does not relieve him from payment of dues?" My answer was, "They do not conflict. The Statutes of the Grand Encampment evidently referring to Commanderies who may elect honorary members without taking any action regarding exemption from payment of dues."

It has been asked if it would be required to have stated on the notices of a conclave that a vote will be taken on a request for release of jurisdiction over a Companion who had been twice rejected? My answer was—yes. Aside from the fact that the objector is entitled to notice, Section 6 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, requires that due notice of the business to be transacted at each conclave shall be given to every member of the Commandery. There seems to be a great difference of opinion regarding what is intended by the word "business," and I have found that while the greater number of Commanderies state upon the notices of their conclaves the name of the petitioner to be balloted for, others place upon them only the word "ballot." It is my opinion that the latter mode does not fulfil the requirements of the Statutes, and I recommend that all Commanderies state upon the notices of the several Conclaves the names in full of all candidates subject to ballot.

A dispensation was requested granting authority to ballot a second time upon a petition. This was refused and attention called to the Statutes of the Grand Encampment relating thereto. There appears to be a conflict between the Statutes of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution of this Grand Commandery, the former requiring that an interval of six months shall elapse after the rejection of a candidate before a new petition may be presented, and the latter making the interval only four months. I recommend that the Grand Commandery take such action as may be necessary to cause our Constitution to conform with the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

Questions have also been asked regarding other matters, but as the answers can be readily found in the digest of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery, they will require no space in these proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence with other Grand Commanderies has been limited. At my request the Grand Commander of the State of New York procured and appproved a release of jurisdiction, and I have received from him a similar request, which is now pending. A communication was received from the Grand Commander of New Hampshire, stating that an application accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction from a Commandery of this Grand Commandery, in which the petitioner had been once rejected, had been received by a Commandery in the State of New Hampshire, but as the waiver did not bear the approval of the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that approval was requested. I investigated the matter and found that the release was granted on the personal application of the rejected petitioner, that there had been no request from any other body, and that "waiving jurisdiction in this case was a mistake and would not be done now." I stated the facts in full to the Grand Commander of New Hampshire, and withheld my approval. The action of the Commandery granting the release seems to me to be wrong, as I consider that a release of jurisdiction should be granted only upon the application of the Commandery to whom the petitioner has presented his petition.

Triennial Conclave.

The time is fast approaching when this Grand Commandery will receive in Boston in Triennial Conclave the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. The Committee appointed at the Semi-annual Conclave of 1893 have, under the able direction of their Chairman, Very Em. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, been actively engaged in the details of preparation. Committees and communications from Templar organizations, both within and beyond this jurisdiction, have been numerously received and given careful attention, and the Committee on Hotels report that accommodations have been furnished for all applicants to the number of about six thousand. The subject of finance has been carefully considered, and while it is impossible with any degree of accuracy to estimate the amount of money necessary, the Committee consider that the amount which the Subordinate Commanderies will be requested to pay to the Triennial Committee will, with the sums to be procured from other sources, be sufficient to defray the expenses of the Conclave. The Committee are active and earnest and will do all in their power to make the Triennial Conclave of 1895 a grand success. But there is much more needed. It is necessary that to their assistance should be brought the earnest endeavors of every Knight Templar in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, not alone in furnishing the required funds but in all the details of preparation which will tend so much toward making this Conclave notable in our history. It is expected that every Commandery will participate in the opening parade with full ranks, but in order to do so immediate steps should be taken to awaken in the minds of some of the Sir Knights the necessity for individual action. With a membership of ten thousand this Grand Commandery should present an imposing appearance, but when we contemplate the fact that many Commanderies are sadly deficient in the number of uniforms, it becomes plainly apparent that action should be immediately taken to bring to the notice of every member of the Subordinate Commanderies the necessity of so preparing himself that at the Triennial Conclave of 1895 he may worthily represent our honored Order.

Exemplification of the Work.

The constitution of this Grand Commandery requiring the exemplification of one of the Orders of Knighthood at the Semi-annual Conclave, I have invited Olivet Commandery of Lynn, Em. Sir George E. Hilton Commander, to exemplify the Order of the Temple. They have consented and will be present at the afternoon session.

Sir Knights, the business of the Semi-annual Conclave is before you. May the proceedings of to-day be characterized by that dignity and harmony which have ever prevailed among us, and may the blessing of Heaven rest upon all our deliberations.

On motion of R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, it was

Voted, That so much of the address as relates to Decisions and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, so much as relates to Code and Statutes be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, that so much as relates to Charter of Orange Commandery be referred to the Committee on Charters, and that the remainder of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as the Committee on Remainder of Address, R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, E. Sir Henry S. Rowe, E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis.

The Committee on Two Days Session Annually, omitting the Semi-Annual Session, made a verbal report and requested further time for consideration of the subject, which was granted.

The Committee on Remainder of Address of R. E. Grand Commander Soule submitted the following:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

PROVIDENCE, May 24, 1894.

The committee to whom was referred the remainder of the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander find nothing therein which requires action on the part of this grand body.

We note with gratification the harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and would congratulate the Grand Commander on his successful administration of the affairs of his office.

Fraternally and courteously submittted,

CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON,
CHARLES H. CRANE,
H. E. BOYNTON,
} *Committee.*

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following, which was received and approved:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 24, 1894.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.:

The Committee on By-Laws have examined amendments to the By-Laws of Boston, Athol and Winslow Lewis Commanderies, herewith submitted, and recommend the same for approval. We have also examined a revised code for Berkshire Commandery, and as the same appears to be in conformity to the usages of this Grand Commandery, and the regulations of the Order, we recommend that the same be approved.

We have also in hand a complete code framed by Orange Commandery, U. D., which after due examination we find to be also in accordance with general usage. We therefore recommend that the same be approved, to take effect upon the formal constitution of said Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH W. HILL,
CHARLES HARRIS,
WILLIAM ROBINSON,
} *Committee.*

PETITION FOR CHARTER OF ORANGE COMMANDERY, U. D.

The following petition was at this time read by the Grand Recorder:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.:

The undersigned, Knights Templars, members of Orange Commandery, U. D., hereby courteously petition your Grand Body that a charter be now issued, constituting them as a distinct, subordinate body to be known and styled, "Orange Commandery of Knights Templars of Orange, Mass." And in consideration of the granting of such charter, we promise a cheerful and faithful compliance with the constitutions, laws and edicts of your Grand Body and of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Walter Melvin Wright, Henry Alfred Powers, Hervey Sheldon Dawley, Willard Putnam, George Henry Best, George Wallace Stevens Ide, Frank Seward French, George Franklin Smith, John Reed Derby, George Luther Frye, Edward Cilley Fowler, Charles William Lyman, Fred Lamb, Abraham Pierce Putnam, Rufus Torrey Shumway, Arthur Willis Hubbard, Warren Milton King, Frederic Newbern Johnson, George Admiral Drake, Frederick Parlin Carruth, Solomon Foot Haskins, Nelson Melvin Willey, Frank Lincoln Grout, Arthur Milton Cheney, George Harvey Thompson, Edwin Louis Derby, Luman Proctor Pierce, Perley Wheeler Newell, John Dudley Porter, Clarence Arthur Smith, Francis Emerson Johnson, Fred Charles Emery, Henry Clarence Putnam, Elmer Crosby Burrill, Edward Arthur Goddard, Charles Andrew Towne, Arthur Fessenden Pierce Conant, William Henry Connor, Frank Sidney Ewing, Albert Hazen Davis, Charles Chandler, Charles William Barton, George Everett Bates, Thomas Sidney Mann, George Melvin Wheeler, Fred Abbott Dexter, Jonah Edson Titus, William Paver, John Shepard, Joseph Byron Farley, Jay Bird Reynolds, Edward Winslow Southworth, Dexter Lyman Crandall, Zenas Whittemore Lamb, Franklin Luther Spear, Charles Damarin Hendrickson, John Wilson Wheeler, Edward Luther Bowers, Eugene White Lamb, Alaric Attilla Boyce, Charles Sumner Stone, John Dunbar, Henry Wade Greene, Charles Henry Edwards, Martin Lewis Gerhard, James William Fulton, Frank Eliot Stimson, Rollin Clayton Ward, Charles Calvin Stearns, Charles Henry Green, Franklin Levi Waters, Adolph Edward Epeneter, Perry Francis Crafts, Dennis Eugene Farley, Charles Augustus Eddy, William Wirt Weeden, Frederick Edwood Wotton, Myron Richard Sturtevant.

And on motion and by unanimous vote the request of the petitioners was granted.

It was also ordered that the dispensation of Orange Commandery be continued in force until the constitution of said Commandery.

The Committee on Petition of Cambridge Commandery for Exclusive Jurisdiction in the City of Cambridge, reported by its chairman, R. E. Sir Geo. H. Burnham, and requested that further time be granted, and that a hearing be granted all parties concerned was agreed to by a vote of 65 to 25.

The Chairman of the Triennial Committee, V. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, made the following report:

Providence, R. I. May 24, 1894.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Mass and R. I.:

The Committee appointed to take charge of the matters appertaining to the reception of the Templars of the Union at the 26th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, respectfully reports that the Committee was duly organized on the 20th of February and at once commenced active work. Subordinate committees have been appointed, to whom special departments of duty have been assigned, with a view of finally covering the whole field of preparation. It has been found expedient to enlarge the Triennial Committee by the addition of active workers from various Commanderies, and all the Bodies in the jurisdiction are well represented. The sub-committees are giving careful attention to their preliminary work and are making progress. A large amount of labor has been devolved upon the Committee on Accommodations, and they have already secured quarters in Boston for more than seven thousand visitors, representing 16 Grand Commanderies, 63 Commanderies from 14 States, and 4 Commanderies from the District of Columbia.

From various sources we are receiving favorable reports of the feeling which exists throughout the Commanderies in this jurisdiction. The Knights are realizing the importance of the occasion, and seem deeply impressed with the duty which devolves upon them of making the coming Conclave an event which will reflect the highest honor upon the Templars of this jurisdiction. The Committee are persuaded that the Commanderies will take vigorously in hand the matter of raising the funds necessary to the successful carrying out of the arrangements for the reception—each contributing according to the strength of its membership. Believing that every member of our Commanderies will cheerfully meet the call made upon him as an individual, to the end that we may make the coming Triennial an unqualified success, the Committee respectfully submit to the Grand Commandery, for its consideration, the following vote, adopted May 26th, and recommend such action in accordance therewith as the Grand Commandery shall deem expedient:

That it is the sense of the Triennial Committee that in order to meet the expenses to be incurred in the proper reception of the Knights Templars of the United States at the Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston next year, it will be necessary for the Commanderies to contribute to the general fund of the Triennial Committee for its use a sum of money equal to a contribution of $5 by each affiliated Knight Templar in the jurisdiction.

Courteously submitted,

For the Triennial Reception Committee,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

After some discussion, it was ordered by unanimous vote that the report be accepted and the recommendation adopted in the following form:

Voted, That in order to meet the expenses to be incurred in the proper reception of the Knights Templars of the United States at the Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston next year, it will be necessary for every Commandery in this jurisdiction to contribute, and each Commandery is hereby earnestly requested to contribute to the general fund of the Triennial Reception Committee for its use a sum of money equal to a contribution of five dollars ($5.00) by each member.

On motion of R. E. Sir James Swords it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure five Past Grand Commander's Jewels, similar to the one adopted by this Body, and that an appropriation of five hundred dollars be made for that purpose.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as the Committee, R. E. Sir James Swords, E. Sirs Benjamin W. Rowell and Freeman C. Hersey.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Committee of the Day reported, and the R. E. Grand Commander ordered an intermission for refreshments, to be served in the Banquet Hall, until two o'clock.

The time for refreshment having passed, the Sir Knights were called to order in the Asylum.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was upon motion accepted and approved.

To the Grand Commandery:

The Committee on Jurisprudence have examined the decisions reported by R. E. Grand Commander Soule in his address of October 26, 1893, and finding the same to be in accordance with the laws and practice of this jurisdiction, recommend that they be confirmed. Good reasons were shown for granting the dispensations reported and their issue was for the advantage of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM, } *Committee*
CHARLES A. STOTT, } *on*
CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, } *Jurisprudence.*

PROVIDENCE, May 24, 1894.

There being no further business, the Grand Warder announced in waiting the officers of Olivet Commandery, who were present for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the Order of the Temple, as adopted at the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The officers of Olivet Commandery then entered the Asylum and exemplified the work of the Order of the Temple in a most creditable manner, receiving the plaudits of all the Sir Knights in attendance.

On motion the thanks of the Grand Commandery were ordered conveyed to the officers and members of Olivet Commandery.

By vote the thanks of the Grand Commandery were tendered to the Committee of the Day for the faithful and able manner in which they had performed their duties.

Also voted that the thanks of this Grand Body be and are hereby tendered to the fraternity of Providence for the use of the Temple on this occasion.

The business of the Semi-Annual Conclave having been concluded, the Grand Commandery was declared adjourned at 4 o'clock P. M.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

ATTEST:

B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

SPECIAL CONCLAVE,

SEPTEMBER 14TH, A. D. 1894, A. O. 776.

A SPECIAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in the town of Orange, Mass., on Friday, September 14th, A. D. 1894, A. O. 776.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

R. E. Sir CHARLES C. FRY	Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir EUGENE H. RICHARDS	Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir WILLIAM R. WALKER	Grand Captain General.
E. Sir THOMAS E. ST. JOHN	Grand Prelate.

E. Sir Walter Cutting	Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir James H. Upham	Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell	Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Herbert F. Morse	Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir Winthrop Messenger	Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir George E. Hilton	Grand Warder.
E. Sir Henry D. Wilder	Grand Sentinel.
E. Sir George H. Kenyon	Grand Lecturer.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that the business of the Special Conclave was to constitute Orange Commandery, consecrate its asylum and banners and install its officers, and the Special Conclave was declared open for that purpose at 7:30 P.M., there being at the Special Conclave, besides the Grand Officers, R. E. Sirs James Swords, W. H. H. Soule, E. Sirs Theodore Mateson, J. Herbert Bowen, James H. Waite, Othello A. Fay, Rev. P. Voorhees Finch, and sixty-five members of Orange Commandery.

The lines of Orange Commandery, U. D., having been formed, an escort was tendered, and the Grand Commandery was conducted into the hall where the ceremonies were performed. The Charter gives the Commandery, rank, date and precedence from Oct. 26th, 1893, and contains the names of eighty-two Sir Knights, seventeen of whom were created Knights Templars under dispensation. The impressive ceremonies of constituting the Commandery were performed in a manner highly commendable to the Grand Officers, and at their conclusion the official proclamation was made by the E. Grand Warder.

The officers of Orange Commandery were then installed as follows:

Sir Henry A. Powers	E. Commander.
Sir Frederick P. Carruth	Generalissimo.
Sir George A. Drake	Captain General.
E. Sir Walter M. Wright	Prelate.
Sir Warren M. King	Senior Warden.
Sir Clarence A. Smith	Junior Warden.
Sir Hervey S. Dawley	Treasurer.
Sir Frank S. Ewing	Recorder.
Sir George E. Bates	Assistant Prelate.
Sir John D. Porter	Sword Bearer.
Sir Edward C. Fowler	Standard Bearer.
Sir George F. Smith	Warder.
Sir George W S. Ide	Third Guard.
Sir Edwin L. Derby	Second Guard.
Sir Luman P. Pierce	First Guard.
Sir Frederick N. Johnson	Pianist.
Sir Henry C. Putnam	Armorer and Sentinel.

The ceremonies of installation having been completed, the official proclamation was made by the E. Grand Warder. The R. E. Grand Commander, assisted by Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate, then consecrated to Templar use the asylum and banners of the Order, and the usual proclamation was made. The R. E. Grand Commander and other members of the suite addressed the Sir Knights of Orange Commandery, giving them wise counsel and advice, and congratulating them upon their beautiful apartments, their complete paraphernalia and accessories, with the wish that this organization so happily started might continue to prosper until it became the first in the jurisdiction.

The business of the Special Conclave having been concluded, the Grand Commandery was declared adjourned, after which the officers and visitors under the escort of the officers of Orange Commandery were escorted to the banquet hall, where a bountiful feast had been provided, which was enjoyed by all present until the hour of midnight.

ATTEST:

B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

OCTOBER 25TH, 1894.

THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in Masonic Temple in the city of Boston, Mass., on Thursday, October 25th, A.D. 1894, A. O. 776.

The lines were formed in due array, the approach of the R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Officers was announced, and the Grand Asylum was opened in Ample Form at eleven fifteen o'clock, A. M.

The Sir Knights uniting in their devotions with E. Sir Knight Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Sir CHARLES C. FRY	R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir EUGENE H. RICHARDS	E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir WILLIAM R. WALKER	E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN	E. Grand Prelate.
Sir WALTER CUTTING	E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE L. SHEPLEY	E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir JAMES H. UPHAM	E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL	E. Grand Recorder.
Sir HERBERT F. MORSE	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir WINTHROP MESSENGER	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir GEORGE E. HILTON	E. Grand Warder.
Sir HENRY G. JORDAN	E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir GEORGE H. KENYON	E. Grand Lecturers.
Sir FREEMAN C. HERSEY	
Sir CHARLES C. OSGOOD	
Sir HENRY D. WILDER	E. Grand Sentinel.

PERMANENT MEMBERS, BEING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS, WHO WERE PRESENT.

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,
R. E. Sir Rev. HENRY W. RUGG,
R. E. Sir CALEB SAUNDERS,
R. E. Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
R. E. Sir GEORGE H. ALLEN,
R. E. Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN,
R. E. Sir JAMES SWORDS,
R. E. Sir ROBERT H. CHAMBERLAIN,
R. E. Sir WILLIAM H. H. SOULE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
BOSTON, October 25th, 1894.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following as entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Commandery :

St. John's Commandery.

E. Sir Daniel Rounds,
E. Sir Stillman White,*
E. Sir Spencer B. Read,
R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg,*
E. Sir Albert H. Cushman,
E. Sir Robert E. Dwelley,*
R. E. Sir George H. Burnham,*
E. Sir Newton D. Arnold,
E. Sir Walter B. Vincent,
E. Sir William E. Husband,*
E. Sir George H. Rhodes,*
E. Sir Alfred G. Pierce,
E. Sir Joseph O. Earle,
E. Sir George L. Shepley,*
E. Sir John Heathcote,*
E. Sir Darius B. Davis,
E. Sir William H. Perry,
E. Sir Forrest E. Peck,
E. Sir George W. Pettis,*
E. Sir Hunter C. White,*
E. Sir Andrew B. Eddy,*
E. Com. Harry P. Smith,*
Gen'l. Horace S. Richardson,*†
Capt. Gen. Charles C. Newhall.*

Boston Commandery.

E. Sir John K. Hall,
E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall,
E. Sir Charles C. Dame,*
E. Sir Henry Endicott,
V. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence,*
E. Sir Samuel Mason, Jr.,
E. Sir James H. Upham,*
E. Sir J. Francis Lotts,
E. Sir Edwin Wright,*
E. Sir Frederick T. Comee,
E. Sir Eugene H Richards.*
E. Sir James M. Gleason,
E. Sir Eugene A. Holton,*
E. Sir Leonard B. Nichols,*
E. Com. Charles I. Litchfield,*
Gen'l. Henry H. Litchfield,*
Capt. Gen. William B. Lawrence.

Newburyport Commandery.

E. Sir John N. Pike,*
E. Sir Moses H. Fowler,
E. Sir William P. Sanders,*
E. Sir Horace Choate,
E. Sir William R. Johnson,
E. Sir John C. Kimball,*
E. Sir Oliver A. Roberts,*
E. Sir John C. Risteen,
E. Sir Green Davis,*
E. Sir John F. Johnson,
E. Sir Moses Brown,
E. Com. Orrin Gurney,*
Gen'l. Charles F. Worthen,
Capt. Gen. John E. McCusker.

Washington Commandery.

E. Sir Nathan H. Gould,
E. Sir William J. Underwood,
E. Sir David Stevens,*
E. Sir Robert S. Franklin,*
E. Sir William G. Stevens,
R. E. Sir John P. Sanborn,
E. Sir William H. Cotton,
E. Sir Overton G. Langley,
E. Sir John H. Wetherell,
E. Sir William W. Sampson,*
E. Com. Andrew J. DeBlois,*
Gen'l. William H. Spingler,*
Capt. Gen. Henry C. Stevens, Jr.*

Worcester County Commandery.

E. Sir George W. Bentley,
E. Sir Henry Goddard,
E. Sir Rev. Thos. E. St. John,*
R. E. Sir Robt. H. Chamberlain,*
E. Sir R. James Tatman,
E. Sir Charles G. Reed,*
E Sir Francis A. Harrington,
E. Sir Geo. B. Buckingham,*
E. Sir Oliver P. Shattuck,
E. Sir George L. Allen,
E. Sir William A. Farnsworth,

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* Those marked with a * were recorded as being present. † Proxy.

E. Com. Charles A. Peabody,*
Gen'l. A. Frank Gates,*
Capt. Gen. Phineas L. Rider.*

Springfield Commandery.

E. Sir William S. Shurtleff,
E. Sir Albert H. Kinkham,
E. Sir Albert E. Foth,
E. Sir Samuel B. Spooner,
E. Sir Peter S. Bailey,
R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin,
E. Sir Charles C. Spellman,
E. Sir Orthello K. Merrill,
E. Sir Thomas T. Davee,
E. Sir Edmund P. Kendrick,
E. Sir G. Frank Adams,
E. Sir George A. Spooner,
E. Com. Henrie A. Prouty,
Gen'l. Edwin A. Blodgett,*
Capt. Gen. S. D. Sherwood.*

DeMolay Commandery.

E. Sir William F. Davis,
E. Sir John M. Clark,
E. Sir Charles B. Lancaster,
E. Sir Joseph B. Mason,
E. Sir Frederick G. Walbridge,
E. Sir George T. Ambrose,*
E. Sir Henry G. Jordan,*
E. Sir Frank T. Dwinell,*
E. Sir William F. Chester,*
E. Sir Charles H. Crane,*
E. Sir Zacheus Holmes,*
E. Com. William B. Learned,*
Gen'l. Henry K. Dunton,*
Capt. Gen. Edwin B. Holmes.*

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman,*
E. Sir John S. Read,*
E. Sir Henry A. Pierce,*
E. Sir George A. Sweet,
E. Sir William R. Walker,*
E. Sir Waldo Trescott,
E. Sir James M. Bishop,
E. Sir Clovis H. Bowen,
E. Sir Benjamin G. Perkins,
E. Sir Robert W. Horton,
E. Sir George C. Stillman,
E. Sir John F. Street,*
E. Sir W. Howard Walker,*
E. Sir Horatio A. Brown,
E. Sir Isaac Gill,
E. Com. Charles E. Harrison,*
Gen'l. Frederick Taylor,*
Capt. Gen. Arthur B. Tyler.

Pilgrim Commandery.

E. Sir Samuel E. Sargent,
R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott,*
E. Sir Charles E. A. Bartlett,
R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson,
E. Sir John M. Pevey,
E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard,*
E. Sir Solon W. Stevens,
E. Sir Charles F. Young,
E. Sir Charles H. Richardson,
E. Sir Edward J. Noyes,
E. Sir Frank L. Weaver,*
E. Com. Charles H. Hobson,*
Gen'l. Thomas Walsh,
Capt. Gen. Walter W. Johnson.

Palestine Commandery.

E. Sir Charles M. Avery,*
E. Sir Daniel E. Chase,*
E. Sir Charles T. Gay,
E. Sir William D. Seeley,
E. Sir John C. Hall,
E. Sir John Donaghy,
E. Sir James N. Greenwood,*
E. Sir James Tent,
E. Sir Philip G. Ilsley,*
E. Sir George F. Proctor,
E. Sir William Robinson,*
E. Sir Samuel P. Tenney,
E. Sir John Strahan,
E. Com. Henry T. Holmes,*
Gen'l. Edward G. Tutein,
Capt. Gen. William Martin.

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Milford Commandery.

E. Sir Edwin F. Whiting,*
E Sir George E. Stacy,*
E. Sir Sullivan C. Sumner,*
E. Sir James M. Woods,
E. Sir Julius M. Woods,
E. Sir Daniel Reed,
E. Sir Charles W. Shippee,
E. Sir Eben D. Bancroft,
E. Sir Alfred A. Burrill,*
E. Sir S. Alden Eastman,*
E. Sir Artemus B. Edmands,
E. Sir George S. Whitney,*
E. Com. Horace E. Whitney,*
Gen'l. Charles F. Wilkinson,
Capt. Gen. De Forest C. Morrison,*

St. Bernard Commandery.

E. Sir P. Adams Ames,
E. Sir Henry Milliken,
E. Sir Charles A. Welch,
E. Sir Samuel Wells,
E. Sir Otis E. Weld,
E. Sir John Kent,
E. Sir William W. McKim,
E. Sir George F. Hurd,
E. Sir H. W. Hartwell,
E. Sir William H. Chessman,
E. Sir Edward C. Morris,
E. Sir Thomas W. Davis,
E. Sir Thomas S. Spurr,
E. Com. Henry S. Rowe,*
Gen'l. J. Foster Bush,*
Capt. Gen. Benjamin L. M. Tower.

Calvary Commandery.

E. Sir Levi L. Webster,
E. Sir Charles R. Dennis,*
E. Sir Thomas Phillips, Jr.,
R. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich,
E. Sir Henry C. Field,
E. Sir Eugene D. Burt,
E. Sir Charles R. Brayton,
E. Sir Charles B. Webster,
E. Sir Samuel G. Stiness,*
E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew,
E. Sir Horace K. Blanchard,
E. Sir Alvord O. Miles,
E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis,*
E. Sir George H. Kenyon,*
E. Sir Cyril A. Babcock,
E. Sir Eugene Stevens,*
E. Sir Albert L. Anthony,
E. Sir Horatio Rogers,
E. Sir Henry R. Barker,
E. Sir Spencer B. Hopkins,
E. Sir Elton A. Cook,
E. Sir Frank S. Congdon,
E. Com. Theodore V. Matteson,*
Gen'l. James E. Tillinghast,*†
Capt. Gen. Fred G. Stiles.*

Haverhill Commandery.

E. Sir Carlos P. Messer,
E. Sir Dexter P. Vickary,*
E. Sir Dana J. Flanders,
E. Sir Charles T. Chase,
E. Sir George V. Ladd,
E. Sir Charles C. Osgood,*
E. Sir Edward A. Fitts,*
E. Com. George E. Mitchell,
Gen'l. George L. Emerson,
Capt. Gen. Charles P. Sumner.

Old Colony Commandery.

E. Sir William W. Whitmarsh,
E. Sir Stephen S. Bradford,
E. Sir Amos S. Stetson,
E. Sir William H. Maine,
E. Sir Silas B. Dickerman,
E. Sir Frederick S. Strong,
E. Sir William H. Davis,
E. Sir Lemuel B. Hatch,
E. Sir Jeremiah T. Richmond,*
E. Com. David V. Poole,*†
Gen'l. Frank E. Goddard,
Capt. Gen. Charles F. Allen.*

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Sutton Commandery.

E. Sir A. H. W. Carpenter,
E. Sir John A. Lee,
E. Sir Gardner T. Sanford,
E. Sir Henry Field, Jr.,
E. Sir James Taylor,
E Sir James L. Sherman,*
E. Sir Ezekiel C. Gardner,*
E. Sir Theodore W. Cole,
E Sir Isaac N. Marshall,
E. Sir Charles L. Kirby,
E. Com. Henry W. Mason,*
Gen'l. William H. Waterman,*
Capt. Gen. Z. C. Dunham.

Bethany Commandery.

E. Sir Pardon Armington,
E. Sir William H. Jacquith,
E. Sir D. Frank Robinson,
R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders,*
E. Sir John Haigh,*
E. Sir G. M. Stoddard,
E. Sir Thomas Leyland,
E. Sir George F. Talbot,
E. Sir Horatio G. Herrick,
E. Sir Wallace M. Priest,
E. Sir William Fisher,*
E. Com. Eben A. Baldwin,*
Gen'l. Benjamin Andrew,
Capt. Gen. Smith M. Decker.*

Winslow Lewis Commandry.

E. Sir J. Albert Blake,*
E. Sir A. Frank Welch,*
E. Sir Dudley A. Massey,*
E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey,*
E. Sir Oliver D. Way,
E. Sir Otis W. Roberts,
E. Com. Thomas G. Pinnock,*
Gen'l. Ira Vaughn,
Capt. Gen. Arthur T. Way.

Jerusalem Commandery.

E. Sir James M. Blanchard,
E. Sir John Burney,
E. Sir J. W. Kimball,
E. Sir Charles A. Morgan,
E. Sir Dwight S. Woodworth,
E. Sir Sullivan W. Huntley,
E. Sir George E. Clifford,
E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft,*
E. Sir George V. Barrett,*
E. Sir Nathaniel Jewett,*
E. Com. David A. Corey,*
Gen'l. R. D. Gould,
Capt. Gen. George V. Barrett.*

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

E. Sir L. L. Fuller,
E. Sir J. D. Parker,
E. Sir Thomas Winship,
E. Sir Smith B. Harrington,*
R. E. Sir James Swords,*
E. Sir E. B. Fairchild,
E. Sir Nathan J. Simonds,
E. Sir Daniel Norton,*
E. Sir Charles L. Davenport,
E Sir Osgood W. Upham,*
E. Sir Frank F. Preble.
E Sir Winthrop Messenger,*
E. Sir Alonzo H. Smith,
E. Com. Elisha B. Sears,
Gen'l. Edward K. Boardman,
Capt. Gen. Herman J. Pettingill.

St. Omer Commandery.

M. E Sir Benjamin Dean,
E. Sir Francis C. Hersey,*
R. E. Sir William H. H. Soule,*
E. Sir George W. Kingman,*
E. Sir Jerome Smith,
E. Sir Charles J. Noyes,
E. Sir Charles E. Pierce,*
E. Sir Theodore L. Kelley,*
E. Sir Albert H. White,
E. Sir David L. Hodges,
E. Com. Charles J. Miller,
Gen'l. James Hill,*
Capt. Gen. William H. Puffer.

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Berkshire Commandery.

E. Sir Hezekiah S. Russell,
E. Sir Walter Cutting,*
E. Sir Irving D. Ferry,
E. Sir William E. Wilcox,
E. Sir Charles E. Merrill,
E. Sir Theodore V. Allen,
E. Sir Wm. T. Petherbridge,
E. Sir William G. Bachus,
E. Com. George H. Tucker,*†
Gen'l. H. Neil Wilson,
Capt. Gen. George W. Bailey.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

E. Sir Rev. P. Voorhees Finch,
E. Sir William S. Severance,
E. Sir Charles E. Severance,
E. Sir Bowdoin S. Parker,*
E. Sir Marvin S. Fellows,
E. Sir Charles H. McClellan.
E. Sir Hiram O. Smith,
E. Sir Richard N. Oakman,
E. Sir Henry L. Miller,
E. Sir Frank W. Williams,
E. Sir Charles W. Hazleton,
E. Sir Wyatt A. Fowler,
E. Com. Franklin E. Snow,*
Gen'l. Dana Malone,*
Capt. Gen. Eugene B. Blake.

Woonsocket Commandery.

E. Sir Ira W. Arnold,
E. Sir Moses P. Roberts,
E. Sir Amos Sherman,
E. Sir Stafford W. Razee,*
E. Sir Walter E. Parker,
E. Sir Edwin Aldrich,
E. Sir Francello G. Jillson,
E. Sir Stephen N. Lougee,
E. Sir Edward E. Newell,
E. Sir Charles E. Thomas,
E. Sir A. W. Buckland,
E. Sir Seth S. Getchell,*
E. Sir George W. Miller,
E. Com. Daniel W. Senior,*
Gen'l. Fred W. Arnold,*
Capt. Gen. Ambrose B. White.*

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

E. Sir Robert Henry,
E. Sir Robert C. Brown,
E. Sir S. Wright Butler,
E. Sir George A. Ballard,
E. Sir Charles E. Gifford,
E. Sir Alfred H. Hartley,
E. Sir Albert S. Dow,
E. Sir Henry Waring,
E. Sir William Davenport,
E. Sir Robert N. Hathaway,
E. Sir Herbert Field,
E. Sir James E. McCreery,
E. Sir Judson C. McKenzie,
E. Com. John D. Munroe,*
Gen'l. John M. Davis,*
Capt. Gen. Dwight E. Cour.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

E. Sir William F. Davis,
E. Sir Samuel Little,
E. Sir John F. Newton.
E. Sir Solomon N. Bolster,
E. Sir George R. Emerson,*
E. Sir Daniel W. Jones,*
E. Sir John Carr,
E. Sir Frederick H. Spring,*
E. Sir Herbert F. Morse,*
E. Sir William G. Fish,
E. Com. E. Bentley Young,*
Gen'l. Charles E. Draper,*
Capt. Gen. Edwin S. Davis.*

Narragansett Commandery.

E. Sir George G. Stillman,*
E. Sir Azro N. Lewis.
E. Sir J. Alonzo Babcock,
E. Sir Alva A. Crandall,
E. Sir James W. Pollette,
E. Sir Rev. John Evans,

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E. Sir Albert H. Spicer,
E. Sir Solomon C. Burdick,
E. Sir B. Court Bentley,
E. Sir Rev. Wm. M. Groton,
E. Sir Charles W. Willard,
E. Com. Robert A. Mason,*
Gen'l. George W. Timbury,*†
Capt. Gen. Walter S. Legate.

William Parkman Commandery.

E. Sir Seth C. Ames,
E. Sir Albert E. Barrett,
E. Sir Erastus H. Doolittle,
E. Sir William Waters, Jr.,*
E. Sir Albert C. Smith,
E. Sir Frank E. Sullivan,*
E. Sir Thomas Kellough,*
E. Sir Richard Beeching,
E. Sir James M. Simpson,*
E. Sir Edward T. Pigeon,*
E. Sir Martin M. Hancock,*
E. Com. William G. Smith,*
Gen'l. Edward G. Graves,*
Capt. Gen. Charles A. Estey.

Bristol Commandery.

E. Sir Daniel H. Smith.
E. Sir Thomas G. Sandland,
E. Sir Arthur E. Codding,
E. Sir Peter Nerney,*
E. Sir Edward C. Martin,
E. Sir James A. Codding,
E. Sir Theodore B. Hazzard,
E. Sir Owen D. Bestor,*
E. Com. Elton I. Franklin,
Gen'l. Alfred R. Crosby,*
Capt. Gen. George H. Sykes.

Northampton Commandery.

E. Sir D. W. Crafts,
E. Sir J. H. Prindle,
E. Sir J. C. Williams,
E. Sir S. B. Fuller,
E. Sir William B. Morgan,
E. Sir James Ellsworth,
E. Sir Henry Jones,
E. Sir Lemuel B. Field,
E. Sir S. W. Lee, Jr.,
E. Com. J. A. Sullivan,
Gen'l. C. H. Boyden,
Capt. Gen. H. R. Chase.

South Shore Commandery.

E. Sir Zachariah L. Bicknell,*
E. Sir William Humphrey,
E. Sir William S. Wallace,
E. Sir Edward W. K. Bass,
E. Sir William Fearing, 2d,*
E. Sir Andrew J. Garey,
E. Sir Thomas H. Humphrey,*
E. Sir George Cushing,
E. Com. Thomas J. Evans,*
Gen'l. Francis A. Bicknell,
Capt. Gen. Andrew J. Garey.

Trinity Commandery.

E. Sir J. L. Harriman,*
E. Sir Wm. E. C. Worcester,
E. Sir Luman T. Jefts,
E. Sir George B. Cochran,*
E. Sir J. T. Joslin,
E. Sir John Hillis,
E. Sir F. S. Dawes,
E. Sir J. Frank Child,*
E. Sir S. W. Hall,
E. Sir J. M. Pettingill,
E. Sir F. O. Welch,*
E. Com. Edward P. Miles,
Gen'l. Stevens O. Holt,*
Capt. Gen. Adelbert M. Mossman.

Natick Commandery.

E. Sir C. A. Davis,
E. Sir E. F. Perry,
E. Sir Charles H. Child,*
E. Sir O. H. Bryant,
E. Sir Charles P. Knowlton,
E. Sir F. B. Tilton,

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E. Sir E. S. Dodge,*
E. Sir William C. Bellam,
E. Sir William E. Rollins,
E. Sir M. C. Cloudman,
E. Sir James Downs,
E. Com. Frank B. Twitchell,*
Gen'l. J. J. Van Valkenburgh,*
Capt. Gen. William W. Wight.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

E. Sir William Patterson,
E. Sir John B. Wilson,
E. Sir Joseph W. Hill,*
E. Sir L. Elliot Pierce,
E. Sir Horace E. Boynton,*
E. Sir William T. Rowe,
E. Sir Charles W. Sawyer,
E. Sir Charles O. Fox,*
E. Com. George F. Mullett,*
Gen'l. Joseph H. Whiton,
Capt. Gen. Joel C. Bolan.*

Gethsemane Commandery.

E. Sir J. M. Greenwood,*
E. Sir Henry C. Hayden,
E. Sir Moses Clark, Jr.,
E. Sir J. B. Fuller,
E. Sir H. J. Preston,
E. Sir A. L. Harwood,
E. Sir L. E. Binney,*
E. Sir George T. Coppins,*
E. Sir Rufus G. Brown,*
E. Com. George Breeden,*
Gen'l. F. K. Porter,
Capt. Gen. Clarence Tebbetts.*

Olivet Commandery.

E. Sir William D. Pool,*
E. Sir John Shaw,
E. Sir Nathan B. Fletcher,
R. E. Sir George H. Allen,*
R. E. Sir Charles C. Fry,*
E. Sir Charles E. Parsons,*
E. Sir J. Herbert Bowen,*
E. Sir John W. Blaney,*
E. Sir Robert L. Almy,
E. Sir John M. Vennard,*
E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell,*
E. Com. George E. Hilton,*
Gen'l. Rufus E. Hilliard,*
Capt. Gen. Charles A. Alley.*

Athol Commandery.

E. Sir Vernon O. Taylor,
E. Sir James H. Waite,*
E. Sir Lucien Lord,
E. Sir William W. Fisk,
E. Sir William H. Huestis,
E. Sir George H. Foye,*
E. Sir Othello A. Fay,*
E. Sir George W. Bishop,
E. Sir Henrie C. Fay,
E. Sir Charles A. Forbes,
E. Sir Sydney P. Smith,
E. Com. Charles Crossman,*
Gen'l. Edmund C. Shepardson,
Capt. Gen. Henry W. Harris.

Bay State Commandery.

E. Sir Edward Parker,
E. Sir Baalis Sanford,
E. Sir Charles C. Bixby,
E. Sir Elmer W. Walker,
E. Sir A. Cranston Thompson,*
E. Sir Veranus Filoon,
E. Sir Edward S. Power,
E. Sir George F. Walker,*
E. Com. David W. Battles,
Gen'l. Albion H. Howe,
Capt. Gen. John A. Jackson.

Cyprus Commandery.

E. Sir Gamaliel Hodges,*
E. Sir Henry S. Bunton,*
E. Sir George F. Lincoln,
E. Sir Stephen B. Balkam,

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E. Sir Melville P. Morrill,
E. Sir Henry N. Bates,
E. Sir George L. Lang,
E. Com. Albert G. Webb,*
Gen'l.
Capt. Gen. George Miles.*

St. Paul Commandery.

E. Sir Daniel Upton,
E. Sir George F. Miller,
E. Com. Walter S. Carr,
Gen'l. Hobart C. Tower,
Capt. Gen. William Blythe.

Beauseant Commandery.

E. Sir Frederick J. Foss,*
E. Sir T. Frederick Martin,
E. Sir Albert H. Davenport,
E. Sir George W. Walker,*
E. Sir Henry D. Wilder,*
E. Com. Jesse Cudworth*,
Gen'l. Frederick T. Hawley,*
Capt. Gen. George L. Griffin.

Cambridge Commandery.

E. Sir Charles Harris,
E. Sir Lafayette G. Blair,*
E. Com. Charles O. Welch,*
Gen'l. Charles M. Pear,*
Capt. Gen. John G. Thorogood.*

Bethlehem Commandery.

E. Sir Edgar S. Taft,*
E. Com. Edwin A. Bradley,*
Gen'l. David S. Presson,
Capt. Gen. George A. Davis.*

Saint George Commandery.

E. Sir John B. Hill,*
E. Com. Edward L. Giddings,*
Gen'l. Clarence A. Hood,*
Capt. Gen. Samuel A. F. Whipple.

Orange Commandery.

E. Sir Walter M. Wright,
E. Com. Henry A. Powers,*
Gen'l. Frederick P. Carruth,*
Capt. Gen. George A. Drake.*

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The number present being as follows:

Grand Officers	17
Past Grand Officers	9
Eminent Commanders	32
Generalissimos	23
Captains General	24
Past Eminent Commanders	115
Proxies	5
Total number of votes	225

All of whom have signed the Register.

EDWARD T. PIGEON,
LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR,
Committee on Credentials.

The records of the Special and Semi-Annual Conclaves having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE OF THE DAY.

The R. E. Grand Commander at this time stated that he had appointed E. Sirs Henry S. Rowe and J. Herbert Bowen as a Committee of the Day, and that a collation would be served at one o'clock P. M., under their supervision.

The Roll of Commanderies was at this time called, when the following responded:

St. John's	No.	1
Boston	"	2
Newburyport	"	3
Washington	"	4
Worcester County	"	5
Springfield	"	6
De Molay	"	7
Holy Sepulchre	"	8
Pilgrim	"	9
Palestine	"	10
Milford	"	11
St. Bernard	"	12
Calvary	"	13
Haverhill	"	14
Old Colony	"	15
Sutton	"	16
Bethany	"	17
Winslow Lewis	"	18
Jerusalem	"	19
Hugh de Payens	"	20
St. Omer	"	21
Berkshire	"	22
Connecticut Valley	"	23
Woonsocket	"	24

Godfrey de Bouillon	No. 25
Joseph Warren	" 26
Narragansett	" 27
William Parkman	" 28
Bristol	" 29
South Shore	" 31
Trinity	" 32
Natick	" 33
Cœur de Lion	" 34
Gethsemane	" 35
Olivet	" 36
Athol	" 37
Bay State	" 38
Cyprus	" 39
Beauseant	" 41
Cambridge	" 42
Bethlehem	" 43
St. George	" 44
Orange	" 45

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Sir Knights :—I respectfully submit my annual report as follows :

The consolidated returns from the several Subordinate Commanderies herewith submitted notwithstanding the dull business year just passed, show a flattering condition of increase in membership over last year, the same being 473 as against 322 last year.

The membership now consists of 10,384 members.

The gains have been as follows :

Created	693
Affiliated	105
Total	798
A gain over last year of	94

Losses have been as follows :

Suspended	22
Dimitted	146
Expelled	2
Died	144
Total	314
A decrease from last year of	76

The death rate has been 1 in 73, a decrease from last year, when it was 1 in $56\frac{1}{3}$.

The average membership in the jurisdiction is still the largest in the world, being 231.

Boston Commandery still holds the proud title of the largest Commandery in the world, its membership being 783.

Bethlehem is still the smallest in point of numbers in this jurisdiction, its membership being 61.

For the detailed report of the standing of the Commanderies in the jurisdiction I submit the following table :

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	Number.	LOCATION OF COMMANDERY.	Date of Charter.	TIME OF MEETING.	Date of Annual Conclave.	Knighted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Suspended.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Died.	No. of members in 1893.	No. of members in 1894.	Gain.	Loss.	Amount of dues due the Grand Commandery.	Amount paid to Grand Commandery.	Date and numerical order in which annual returns were received.
St. John	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Monday in each month	1st Monday in Dec	41	2					7	509	545	36		$202 45	$202 45	33. Oct. 9, 1894
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	March 3, 1806	3d Wednesday in each month	3d Wednesday in Oct	75	3			5	2	17	729	783	54		317 45	317 45	28. Oct. 6, 1894
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday in each month	3d Thursday in Sept.	2	1			1		1	142	143	1		20 10	20 10	40. Oct. 10, 1894
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3d Wednesday in each month	3d Wednesday in June	6				3		3	202	202			39 10	39 10	29. Oct. 8, 1894
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday in each month	1st Thursday in Oct	23	1					10	529	543	14		143 45	143 45	43. Oct. 10, 1894
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Monday in each month	1st Monday in Nov	33	4			6		6	545	570	25		164 25	164 25	22. Oct. 3, 1894
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday in each month	4th Wednesday in Sept.	27	5					12	502	522	20		138 10	138 10	8. Sep. 29, 1894
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Sept. 25, 1849	3d Friday in each month	1st Tuesday in Oct	20			1			3	230	246	16		96 50	96 50	44. Oct. 11, 1894
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	1st Wednesday after full moon each month.	Regular Conclave in Oct.	8	3			1		3	293	305	12		43 90	43 90	16. Oct. 2, 1894
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday in each month	Regular Conclave in Oct.	17	1			3		4	225	236	11		92 25	92 25	14. Oct. 1, 1894
Milford	11	Milford, Mass	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday in each month	4th Monday in Sept.	16			3	1		2	202	212	10		79 10	79 10	23. Oct. 3, 1894
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday in each month	2d Wednesday in Dec	4	2						92	98	6		29 60	29 60	26. Oct. 5, 1894
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	1st Tuesday in each month	1st Tues in Dec	14	1					5	367	377	10		79 35	79 35	19. Oct. 2, 1894
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass	May 12, 1863	2d Tuesday in each month	2d Tuesday in Oct	12						5	240	247	7		61 00	61 00	15. Oct. 1, 1894
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	1st Monday following full moon each month.	Stated Conclave in Sept.	6				4		5	140	137		3	40 00	40 00	34. Oct. 9, 1894
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	May 5, 1864	1st Thursday in each month	1st Thursday in Jan	10	1			1		6	262	266	4		58 10	58 10	27. Oct. 2, 1894
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Tuesday in each month	Last Tuesday in Sept	9						3	243	249	6		53 15	53 15	30. Oct. 9, 1894
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3d Thursday in each month	3d Thursday in Oct	6				4		2	148	142		6	36 40	36 40	20. Oct. 2, 1894
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3d Thursday in each month	3d Thursday in Sept.	12	5			1		4	216	228	12		39 80	39 80	5. Sep. 27, 1894
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass	Mar. 27, 1865	2d Wednesday in each month	2d Wednesday in Sept	54	6			1		3	207	261	56		227 25	227 25	42. Oct. 10, 1894
St. Omer	21	South Boston, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3d Monday in each month	3d Monday in Oct	12				3		5	228	232	4		72 40	72 40	24. Oct. 4, 1894
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Monday in each month	2d Monday in Oct	15	1			3		1	118	130	12		70 90	70 90	10. Oct. 1, 1894
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tuesday in each month	1st Tuesday in Oct	6				7		1	150	148		2	28 50	28 50	38. Oct. 10, 1894
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday in each month	2d Tuesday in Oct.	3			1	1		1	165	165			48 25	48 25	11. Oct. 1, 1894
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3d Monday in each month	3d Monday in Oct	11				4		6	230	231	1		60 50	60 50	35. Oct. 9, 1894
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday in each month	1st Monday in June	30	1		2	10		4	208	223	15		87 40	87 40	13. Oct. 1, 1894
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	2d Monday in each month	2d Monday in Jan	2						1	113	114	1		18 65	18 65	12. Oct. 1, 1894
William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday in each month	2d Thursday in Oct	14			10	2		5	227	224		3	72 35	72 35	32. Oct. 9, 1894
Bristol	29	North Attleboro, Mass	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon each month	Stated Conclave in Dec	13						1	149	161	12		64 45	64 45	45. Oct. 11, 1894
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2d Monday in each month	2d Monday in Oct	9						1	109	117	8		30 45	30 45	41. Oct. 10, 1894
South Shore	31	East Weymouth, Mass	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon each month.	Regular Conclave in Sept.	16				5		1	170	180	10		77 50	77 50	25. Oct. 15, 1894
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass	April 8, 1871	1st Wednesday after full moon each month.	Regular Conclave in Sept.	14			1			2	158	169	11		68 90	68 90	39. Oct. 10, 1894
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2d Monday in each month	2d Monday in Sept	9	2			2		1	138	146	8		52 30	52 30	37. Oct. 10, 1894
Cœur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday in each month	3d Tuesday in Nov	21	1		3	6		4	269	278	9		98 45	98 45	2. Sep. 19, 1894
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tuesday in each month	4th Tuesday in June	27	2			4			145	170	25		132 25	132 25	31. Oct. 9, 1894
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	1st Wednesday in each month	1st Wednesday in April	13				2		3	206	214	8		67 30	67 30	6. Sep. 28, 1894
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	1st Wednesday in each month	1st Wednesday in Sept	4	1			54			159	110		49	32 95	32 95	17. Oct. 2, 1894
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass	Sept. 13, 1873	3d Monday in each month	3d Monday in Oct	6			1	6		1	259	257		2	41 95	41 95	18. Oct. 2, 1894
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Tuesday in each month	4th Thursday in May	13				2		2	151	160	9		64 55	64 55	1. Sep. 7, 1894
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2d Friday in each month	2d Friday in April	9	1			1		1	80	88	8		45 00	45 00	21. Oct. 3, 1894
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Monday in each month	4th Monday in Sept	8				3		1	213	217	4		42 65	42 65	9. Sep. 29, 1894
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	1st Wednesday in each month	1st Wednesday in June	16						1	110	125	15		75 25	75 25	7. Sep. 28, 1894
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2d Monday in each month	2d Monday in Oct	4							57	61	4		23 85	23 85	4. Sep. 26, 1894
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass	Mar. 19, 1892	2d Thursday in each month	2d Thursday in Oct	5							68	73	5		28 40	28 40	36. Oct. 9, 1894
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Friday in each month	Last Friday in Sept	18	61						79	79	7		85 95	85 95	3. Sep. 24, 1894
					Totals	693	105		22	146	2	144	9911	10384	548	65			

EMINENENT COMMANDERS AND RECORDERS.

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	No.	EMINENT COMMANDER.	RECORDER.
St. John	1	Harry P. Smith	Isaac H. Southworth, Jr.
Boston	2	Charles I. Litchfield	Herbert A. Rhodes.
Newburyport	3	Orrin J. Gurney	George H. Stevens.
Washington	4	Andrew J. De Blois	David Stevens.
Worcester County	5	Charles A. Peabody.	William S. Dadman.
Springfield	6	Henrie A. Prouty	George B. Miller.
De Molay	7	William B. Learned.	Elisha B. Woodward.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Charles E. Harrison	William H. Barclay.
Pilgrim	9	Charles H. Hobson	James W. B. Shaw.
Palestine	10	Henry T. Holmes	Charles S. Beatley.
Milford	11	George E. Whitney	Sullivan C. Sumner.
St. Bernard	12	Henry S. Rowe	Fred E. Jones.
Calvary	13	Theodore V. Matteson	Charles S. Pettee.
Haverhill	14	George E. Mitchell	H. Parker Williams.
Old Colony	15	David V. Poole	Erastus M. Nash.
Sutton	16	Henry W. Mason	William M. Thorup.
Bethany	17	Eben A. Baldwin	Herbert W. Field.
Winslow Lewis	18	Otis W. Roberts	William M. Jelly.
Jerusalem	19	David A. Corey	F. D. Page.
Hugh de Payens	20	Elisha B. Sears	Frank E. Orcutt.
St. Omer	21	Charles J. Miller	William Morris.
Berkshire	22	George H. Tucker	Harlam H. Ballard.
Connecticut Valley	23	Franklin E. Snow	John D. Bowker.
Woonsocket	24	Daniel W. Senior	Byron C. Cook.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Abbott E. Slade	Charles E. Ramsay.
Joseph Warren	26	E. Bentley Young	William H. Gerrish.
Narragansett	27	Robert A. Mason	Solomon C. Burdick.
William Parkman	28	Charles T. Witt	Edward H. Morse.
Bristol	29	Elton I. Franklin	Joseph E. Pond.
Northampton	30	J. A. Sullivan	F. R. Mantor.
South Shore	31	Thomas J. Evans	Charles N. Marsh.
Trinity	32	Edward P. Miles	George B. Cochrane.
Natick	33	Frank B. Twitchell	Frank N. Bassett.
Cœur de Lion	34	George F. Mullett	Joseph W. Linnell.
Gethsemane	35	George Breeden	Asa C. Jewett.
Olivet	36	George E. Hilton	William B. Phillips.
Athol	37	Charles Crossman	Will S. Hinman.
Bay State	38	David W. Battles	Elmer E. Walker.
Cyprus	39	Albert G. Webb	Frank H. Bates.
St. Paul	40	Walter S. Carr	Jesse A. Twing.
Beauseant.	41	Jesse Cudworth	Arthur W. Hutchins,
Cambridge	42	Charles O. Welch	John D. C. Harries.
Bethlehem	43	Edwin A. Bradley	W. Emerson Parsons.
St. George	44	Edward L. Giddings	William C. Hill,
Orange	45	Henry A. Powers	Frank S. Ewing.

The financial transactions of my office during the past year have been as follows:

I have received the following sums:

From returns of Subordinate Commanderies	$3,392 40
" dispensation and charter fees	100 00
" sale of diplomas	394 00
" " Tactics and Drill	12 50
" " Certificates	22 25
" " Constitutions and Codes	5 00
Total	$3,926 15

All of which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer Em. Sir James H. Upham, and hold vouchers for the same.

I have now on hand in the office of the Grand Recorder the following property for sale for the benefit of the Grand Commandery:—

78 Diplomas	@ $1 00
31 Constitutions and Codes (cloth)	@ 1 00
89 " " (paper)	@ 75
293 Certificates	@ 25

The edition of Tactics and Drill has been exhausted, and there are none on hand.

The Archives of the Grand Commandery have been increased by the Proceedings of the Sister Grand Commanderies, and are in good condition.

For statistics concerning other jurisdictions I would most respectfully submit the following table:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	Year.	Grand Commander and Address.	Grand Recorder and Address.
Alabama	1894.	Charles Wheelock, Birmingham, Ala	Edmund R. Hastings, Montgomery, Ala.
Arizona	1893.	George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Arizona	Douglass Snyder, Tucson, Arizona.
Arkansas	1894.	William M. Mellett, Fort Smith, Ark.	James A. Henry, Little Rock, Ark.
California	1894.	Frank W. Sumner, San Francisco, Cal	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco, Cal.
Colorado	1894.	Willliam D. Todd, Denver, Col.	Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Col.
Connecticut	1894.	G. Herrick Wilson, Meriden, Conn	Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Conn.
Georgia	1894.	Park Woodward, Atlanta, Ga	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah, Ga.
Illinois	1893.	Harvey M. Hall, Olney, Ill	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago, Ill.
Indiana	1894.	Charles W. Slick, Mishawaka, Ind	William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa	1894.	David W. Clements, West Union, Ia	Alf Wingate, Des Moines, Iowa.
Kansas	1894.	Alexander G. Robb, McPherson, Kan	
Kentucky	1894.	James D. Lewis, Bowling Green, Ky	Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Ky.
Louisiana	1894.	Charles F. Buck, New Orleans, La	Richard Lambert, New Orleans, La.
Maine	1894.	William J. Landers, Gardiner, Me	Stephen Berry, Portland, Maine.
Maryland	1893.	James P. Clark, Baltimore, Md.	John H. Miller, Baltimore, Md.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	1894.	Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass.	Benjamin W. Rowell, 28 School St., Boston, Mass.
Michigan	1894.	Charles H. Pomeroy, Saginaw, E. S. Mich	John A. Gerow, Detroit, Mich.
Minnesota	1894.	Wm. H. S. Wright, St. Paul, Minn	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Minn.
Mississippi	1894.	J. C. French, Natchez, Miss	John L. Power, Jackson, Miss.
Missouri	1894.	Thomas R. Morrow, Kansas City, Mo	William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.
Montana	1893.	Albert L. Babcock, Billings, Mont.	Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Mont.
Nebraska	1894.	James A. Tulleys, Red Cloud, Neb.	William R. Bowen, Omaha, Neb.
New Hampshire	1894.	Rev. C. D. Roberts, Concord, N. H.	George P. Cleaves, Concord, N. H.
New Jersey	1894.	James McCain, Trenton, N. J	Charles Bechtel, Trenton, N. J.
New York	1893.	John H. Bonnington, Brooklyn, N. Y	Robert Macoy, Brooklyn, N. Y.
North Carolina	1894.	Alphonzo H. Cobb, Asheville, N. C	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington N. C.
North Dakota	1894.	Joseph Hare, Bismarck, N. D	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D.
Ohio	1893.	John A. Warner, Portsmouth, Ohio	John N. Bell, Dayton, Ohio.
Oregon	1893.	John M. Hidson, Portland, Oregon	James F. Robinson, Eugene, Oregon.
Pennsylvania	1894.	Irving P. Wanger, Philadelphia, Pa	M. H. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.
South Dakota	1894.	William J. McMakin, Terraville, S. D	William H. Holt, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Tennessee	1894.	Charles H. Eastman, Nashville, Tenn.	Wilber F. Foster, Nashville, Tenn.
Texas	1894.	E. J. Fry, Marshall, Texas.	Robert Brewster, Houston, Texas.
Vermont	1894.	Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor, Vt	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Vt.
Virginia	1893.	E. E. Downham, Alexandria, Va.	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.
Washington	1894.	George N. Alexander, Seattle, Wash.	Yancy C. Elalock, Walla Walla, Wash.
West Virginia	1894.	W. W. Van Winkle, Parkersburg, W. Va	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont, W. Va.
Wisconsin	1893.	Eugene S. Elliott, Milwaukee, Wis.	John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Wis.
Wyoming	1894.	William Daley, Rawlins, Wyoming	John C. Baird, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Grand Encampment of the United States.	1892.	Hugh McCurdy, Corunna, Mich	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Virginia.
Canada		E. E. Shepard, Toronto, Canada.	Daniel Spry, Barre, Canada.
Victoria, Australia	1894.	E. H. Williams, M. D., Melbourne, Australia.	Charles Chapman, Melbourne, Australia.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	Year.	Date of Organization.	Date of Annual Conclave.	Date Printed Proceedings were received.
Alabama	1894	Dec. 1, 1863.	May 10, 1894.	June 9, 1894.
Arizona	1893	Nov. 16, 1893.	November 16, 1893.	April 5, 1894.
Arkansas	1894	March 25, 1872.	April 17, 1894.	May 25, 1894.
California	1894	Aug. 10, 1858.	April 19, 1894.	August 2, 1894.
Colorado	1894	March 14, 1876.	June 5, 1894.	September 4, 1894.
Connecticut	1894	Sept. 15, 1827.	March 20, 1894.	July 12, 1893.
Georgia	1894	April 25, 1860.	May 9, 1894.	June 19, 1894.
Illinois	1893	Oct. 27, 1859.	October 25, 1893.	January 15, 1894.
Indiana	1894	May 18, 1864.	April 18, 1894.	May 11, 1894.
Iowa	1894	June 6, 1864.	July 13, 1894.	October 30, 1894.
Kansas	1894	Dec. 21, 1868.	May 9, 1894.	Septemb'r 11, 1894.
Kentucky	1894	Oct. 5, 1857.	May 16, 1894.	July 26, 1894.
Louisiana	1894	Feb. 12, 1864.	February 16, 1894.	April 2, 1894.
Maine	1894	May 5, 1852.	May 3, 1894.	October 3, 1894.
Maryland	1893	Jan. 23, 1871.	November 28, 1893.	March 10, 1894.
Mass. and Rhode Island	1894	May 6, 1805.	October 25, 1894.	
Michigan	1894	Feb. 12, 1857.	May 15, 1894.	July 14, 1894.
Minnesota	1894	Oct. 23, 1865.	June 25, 1894.	August 21, 1894.
Mississippi	1894	Jan. 21, 1857.	February 13, 1894.	August 22, 1894.
Missouri	1894	May 22, 1860.	April 24, 1894.	May 19, 1894.
Montana	1893	May 14, 1888.	October 10, 1893.	December 1, 1893.
Nebraska	1894	Dec. 27, 1871.	April 3, 1894.	June 15, 1894.
New Hampshire	1894	Aug. 27, 1826.	September 25, 1894.	
New Jersey	1894	Feb. 14, 1860.	May 8, 1894.	June 19, 1894.
New York	1893	June 18, 1814.	September 12, 1893.	January 1, 1894.
North Carolina	1894	May 10, 1881.	May 9, 1894.	June 9, 1894.
North Dakota	1894	June 16, 1890.	June 5, 1894.	August 30, 1894.
Ohio	1894	Oct. 24, 1843.	October 3, 1894.	
Oregon	1893	April 13, 1887.	October 12, 1893.	December 2, 1893.
Pennsylvania	1894	April 11, 1854.	May 22, 1894.	Septemb'r 15, 1894.
South Dakota	1894	May 14, 1884.	June 16, 1894.	Septemb'r 10, 1894.
Tennessee	1894	Oct. 12, 1859.	May 10, 1894.	May 25, 1894.
Texas	1894	Jan. 18, 1855.	April 6. 1894.	June 26, 1894.
Vermont	1894	June 1, 1824.	June 12, 1894.	July 26, 1894.
Virginia	1893	Nov. 27, 1823.	October 12, 1893.	November 20, 1893.
Washington	1893	June 2, 1887.	June 9, 1893.	November 7, 1893.
West Virginia	1894	Feb. 12, 1874.	May 8, 1894.	August 2, 1894.
Wisconsin	1894	Oct. 20, 1859.	June 15, 1894.	August 14, 1894.
Wyoming	1894	May 14, 1888.	May 9, 1894.	June 16, 1894.
Grand Encampment U. S.	1892	June 21, 1816.		
Totals in United States				
Canada	1894	October 9, 1855.	September 4, 1894.	October 11, 1894.
England and Wales	1893			
Ireland	1893			
Scotland	1894			
Victoria, Australia	1892			

Grand Commandery of	Year.	Number Knighted.	Number Affiliated.	Number Restored.	Number Dimitted.	Number Suspended.	Number Expelled.	Number Died.	Number of Subordinates.	Number of Members.	Gain over last Report.	Average Membership to each Commandery.
Alabama	1894	34	4	1	7	18	3	10	10	368	11	37
Arizona	1893	....	...	....	...	....	....	....	3	100	100	33
Arkansas	1894	48	4	3	3	12	1	10	12	497	12	41
California	1894	123	35	15	36	50	...	53	39	2,819	34	72
Colorado	1894	66	48	2	63	16	4	16	24	1,626	43	68
Connecticut	1894	105	6	1	9	1	....	29	11	2,099	73	191
Georgia	1894	70	11	4	28	1	...	19	10	647	50	64
Illinois	1893	588	94	31	201	105	3	108	62	8,881	296	139
Indiana	1894	194	33	9	86	44	1	51	36	3,309	54	92
Iowa	1893	55	16	3	60	65	1	34	54	4,116	90	75
Kansas	1894	269	34	11	119	20	1	27	42	3,110	172	74
Kentucky	1894	113	12	5	30	28	...	24	25	1,869	48	75
Louisiana	1894	19	4	..	1	4	...	9	3	293	13	98
Maine	1894	150	21	2	16	8	....	32	19	2,756	111	145
Maryland	1893	76	3	5	16	15	....	10	8	956	36	120
Mass. and Rhode Island	1894	693	105		146	22	2	144	45	10,384	493	230
Michigan	1894	278	38	12	121	62	4	58	44	5,098	98	116
Minnesota	1894	140	32	7	52	52	...	37	25	2,280	38	91
Mississippi	1894	48	2	3	10	31	...	9	11	387	20	35
Missouri	1894	217	61	16	89	59	....	41	58	4,033	104	70
Montana	1893	19	5	1	6	10	1	2	8	334	2	42
Nebraska	1894	134	7	21	46	23	1	15	23	1,656	76	72
New Hampshire	1894	69	5	14	...	....	...	28	10	1,853	32	185
New Jersey	1894	81	10	..	23	20	...	20	16	1,655	28	104
New York	1893	886	51	81	109	138	4	166	57	10,018	601	176
North Carolina	1894	20	3	....	6	1	1	4	12	339	53	28
North Dakota	1894	31	1	1	16	....	...	3	7	365	22	52
Ohio	1893	368	106	53	144	94	5	97	52	7,566	190	142
Oregon	1894	35	6	....	30	....	.. .	2	6	368	42	61
Pennsylvania	1894	621	73	....	105	127	1	157	73	10,594	304	145
South Dakota	1894	124	3	1	17	8	...	8	10	755	95	75
Tennessee	1894	61	17	2	25	23	2	15	16	1,094	....	69
Texas	1894	180	27	7	70	43	1	20	31	1,975	70	64
Vermont	1894	70	3	1	15	3	2	15	10	1,283	39	128
Virginia	1893	120	13	1	64	13	1	13	21	1,251	38	60
Washington	1893	57	49	....	6	1	....	6	8	509	95	64
West Virginia	1894	49	10	2	10	12	....	14	10	726	25	72
Wisconsin	1893	147	26	27	87	4	....	28	26	2,724	297	104
Wyoming	1894	30	...	....	3	2	...	2	5	221	23	44
Grand Encampment U.S.	1892	330	38	18	49	38	....	56	30	2,655	243	88
Totals in United States	....	6718	1016	360	1924	1173	39	1392	972	103,569	4151	
Canada	1894	195	30	3	37	17	...	17	31	1,273	157	41
England and Wales	1893	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	104	3,000	...	. .
Ireland	1893	...	....	...	....	....	....	....	41	1,300	....	....
Scotland	1894	....	....	..	....	....	....	..	10	450	....	....
Victoria, Australia	1892	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	4	80	...	.. .
Total in the World	...	6913	1046	363	1958	1190	39	1410	1162	109,672	4308	....

The sources of gain have been: Knighted, 6,913; Affiliated, 1,046; Restored, 363. Making a total of 8,322.

The losses have been: Dimitted, 1,958; Expelled, 39; Suspended, 1,190; Died, 1,410. Making a total of 4,597, and a net gain of 3,725.

Fraternally submitted,

B. W. Rowell,

Grand Recorder.

On motion the report was accepted, approved and ordered spread upon the records.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

This report was read in detail and showed the following:

Total receipts		$14,999 23
Expenditures	$11,961 86	
Cash on hand	3,037 37	14,999 23

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. UPHAM,

Grand Treasurer.

The report having been audited and approved by the Finance Committee, was upon motion accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Trustees of the Grand Fund then submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE GRAND FUND OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, K. T., OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

The Trustees of the Grand Fund respectfully submit the following itemized statement of the income of the Grand Fund received during the fiscal year ending with September 30, 1894, with the debit and credit account of the Treasurer of said Board of Trustees.

JOHN CARR, *Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:*

1893.	DR.	
Oct. 26.	Dividend of the Suffolk Savings Bank to October, 1893	$24 26
	Dividend of the Home Savings Bank to October, 1893,	15 70
	Dividend of Warren Institution for Savings to October, 1893	19 58
Nov. 6.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to November, 1893	1 08
21.	Cash from Jas. H. Upham, Treasurer, 1-10 income of Grand Commandery for past fiscal year ending October 1, 1893	448 27
1894.		
Jan. 5.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to January 1, 1894	82
Feb. 1.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to February 1, 1894	68
1.	Interest due February 1, 1894, Boston & Maine Reg. Bond	60 00
2.	Dividend Provident Institution for Savings to January, 1894	32 00
2.	Dividend North End Savings Bank to January, 1894.	32 00
March 2.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to March, 1894	79
April 2.	Dividend of Mt. Vernon National Bank, 3 per cent., to April, 1894	45 00
2.	Dividend of Market National Bank, 2 per. cent., to April, 1894	68 00
2.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to April, 1, 1894	76
21.	Dividend Warren Institution for Savings to April, 1894	19 96
21.	Dividend of Home Savings Bank to April, 1894	17 86
21.	Dividend of Suffolk Savings Bank, to April, 1894	24 74

1894.		
June 4.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to June, 1, 1894	1 67
July 26.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to July 1, 1894	82
26.	Dividend Provident Institution for Savings to July, 1894, 1½ per cent	24 00
26.	Dividend of North End Savings Bank to July, 1894, 2 per cent	32 00
Aug. 1.	Interest due August 1, 1894, on Boston & Maine Reg. Bond	60 00
3.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to Aug. 1, 1894	85
4.	Interest on $2000 Fitchburg R. R. bonds, 4s	40 00
4.	Interest on $3000 Boston & Lowell R. R. bonds, 4s.	60 00
Sept. 5.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to Sept. 1, 1894	1 12
Oct. 1.	Dividend on Mt. Vernon National Bank, 2 per cent.	30 00
1.	Dividend Market National Bank, 2 per cent	68 00
3.	Interest due October 1, 1894, on $2000 Fitchburg R. R. bonds, 4s	40 00
3.	Interest due October 1, 1894, on $3000 Boston & Lowell R. R. bonds, 4s	60 00
3.	Interest on balances in Third National Bank to October 1, 1894	1 19
	Total	$1,231 15

Examined and found correct.

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
ROBT. S. FRANKLIN,
FRED. H. SPRING.
Committee on Finance.

1894.	CR.	
Oct. 26.	By deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	$24 26
26.	Deposit in Home Savings Bank	15 70
26.	Deposit in Warren Institution for Savings	19 58
1894.		
Jan. 18.	Ellison Coolidge, for $20,000 bond for Treasurer of Grand Fund, Fidelity and Casualty Co., as per vote of Trustees, one year	100 00
20.	Old Colony Trust Co., rent of box one year, as per vote Trustees	10 00
Apr. 21.	Deposit in Warren Institution for Savings	19 96
21.	Deposit in Home Savings Bank	17 86

1894.		
April 21.	Deposit in Suffolk Savings Bank	24 74
Oct. 4.	Deposit in Home Savings Bank	326 17
4.	Cash paid J. H. Upham, Grand Treasurer, income of fiscal year ending October 1, 1894	672 88
		$1,231 15

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CARR,

Treasurer Grand Fund.

The grand fund consists of the following property:

15 shares of the Mount Vernon National Bank	$1,500 00
34 shares of the Market National Bank	3,400 00
North End Savings Bafik, book No. 3,360, deposit	1,600 00
Suffolk Savings Bank, book No. 133,019, deposit	1,262 66
Home Savings Bank, book No. 57,076, deposit	1,237 26
Provident Institution for Savings, book No. 31,084	1,600 00
Warren Institution for Savings, book No. 55,068, deposit	1,018 88
Boston and Maine R. R. Co., registered bond, 4 per cent, book No. 360	3,000 00
Boston and Lowell R. R. Co., coupon bonds, 3, $1,000 each, Nos. 158, 159, 160	3,000 00
Fitchburg R. R. Co., coupon bonds, 2, $1,000 each, Nos. 8,524, 8,525	2,000 00
Total	$19,618 80

Examined and found correct,

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
ROBT. S. FRANKLIN,
FRED. H. SPRING,

Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CARR,

Treasurer Grand Fund.

The Grand Fund is increased by the payment thereto of the 1-10 of income of Grand Commandery for the year ending Oct. 1, 1893, $448.27.

Respectfully submitted by

CHAS. C. FRY,
C. E. A. BARTLETT,
JOHN CARR,
JAMES H. UPHAM,
GEORGE H. BURNHAM,

Trustees of the Grand Fund.

The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance then submitted the following report:

RFPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 25th, 1894.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find the same correct, all payments being sustained by proper vouchers. They have also examined the property in the hands of the Grand Recorder and find the same as stated in his report. They have also examined the stock and other securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund, and find them correct and in accordance with their report.

The receipts of the Grand Recorder have been as follows:

From Returns of Subordinate Commanderies	$3,392 40
" Sale of Diplomas	394 00
" " Tactics and Drill	12 50
" " Certificates	22 25
" " Constitutions	5 00
" " Dispensations	40 00
" " Charter	60 00
	$3,926 15

Which amount has been paid the Grand Treasurer, and his receipts duly rendered therefor.

The receipts of the Grand Treasurer have been as follows:

From balance old account	$3,993 67
" Grand Recorder	3,926 15
" Trustees of the Grand Fund	672 88
" Notes discounted at National Exchange Bank	5,832 24
" J. H. Upham, loan	480 67
" Maverick National Bank, Dividend on Deposit	73 79
" Interest on Bank Balances	19 83
	$14,999 23

His disbursements have been as follows:

Sundry payments as per vouchers properly approved..........	$5,481 19
Notes National Exchange Bank..............................	6,000 00
J. H. Upham, amount of loan...............................	480 67
Balance to new account....................................	3,037 37
	$14,999 23

Your Committee would recommend that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be $100, and that of the Grand Recorder $600, for the ensuing financial year.

Courteously submitted,

ARTHUR G. POLLARD,
ROBT. S. FRANKLIN,
FREDERICK H. SPRING,
Finance Committee.

The report was by vote received, approved, the recommendation adopted, and the report placed on file.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

Another year has rolled by, and again we meet to deliberate upon the affairs of this Grand Commandery. It was thought that the year just passed would be one of great interest to Templar Masonry, preceding the year of the Triennial Conclave it was expected to be of unusual activity, but a business depression almost unparalleled in our history has undoubtedly prevented that increase of membership which we so confidently hoped for. But as we review the records of the Subordinate Commanderies for the past year, we find that notwithstanding the unfortunate condition of business our beloved Order has made encouraging progress, and we believe with the present prospect of a return of brighter days that the year upon which we are about entering will witness, not only in this jurisdiction, but all over the United States, an interest in Templar Masonry never before known.

Meeting upon the eighty-eighth Annual Conclave of this Grand Body, and looking back over the many interesting and important events of the year, we should be deeply impressed with the responsibilities resting upon us as members of this Christian Order, and we should all unite in feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving toward Him who has permitted us to assemble here to-day and meet face to face and with hand to hand so many friends and brothers.

Again, Sir Knights, I congratulate you upon the harmony which exists among us. May that fraternal feeling which is so characteristic of all that pertains to Freemasonry ever continue, and may the year upon which we are about entering be to you all one of unparalleled prosperity.

Since the last Annual Conclave we have lost by death no officer of this Grand Body. But while we render thanks for this especial manifestation of Divine Providence, we are reminded that from the roll of membership of this Grand Commandery and from the Subordinate Commanderies have been dropped the names of many whom we loved and to whom we have often looked for assistance and advice. Their pilgrimage of life is over, soldiers of the Cross, weary pilgrims travelling the rough and rugged paths of life, their journey is ended, they have entered the Celestial Asylum above to receive their honors and rewards. We mourn their loss, but reverently hope that for them

> "To die is landing on some silent shore
> Where billows never break nor tempests roar."

Again we are reminded that some of our sister jurisdictions have been visited by the hand of death.

R. E. Sir Philip Crosby Tucker, Past Grand Commander of Texas, died July 9, 1894. Sir Knight Tucker deserves more than a passing mention. Receiving the degrees of the Lodge and Chapter and the orders of the Commandery in Vermont in early life, he located in Galveston in 1852, and has ever since until his death been among the foremost in Freemasonry, having ably and honorably filled the offices of Grand Master of Masons of Texas in 1869, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter of Texas in 1865, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Texas in 1864, and at the time of his death was Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite for the

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. The Grand Commander of Texas in the General Order announcing his death says, "his career was unsullied by blot or stain, his active benevolence and devotion to the duty of relieving the sick and suffering during the yellow fever epidemic, which visited Galveston, are well remembered, and beautifully and sacredly commemorated by his intimate friends and neighbors."

R. E. Sir Heman Ely, Past Grand Commander of Ohio, died July 8. Sir Knight Ely held the office of Grand Commander from 1864 to 1871, and throughout his long Masonic life was zealously devoted to the welfare of the Order.

R. E. Sir John L. Philbrick, Past Grand Commander of Kansas, died July 8. Sir Knight Philbrick received the degrees of Freemasonry and Orders of Knighthood in the city of Boston, and removing to Kansas in 1859 closely identified himself with and became prominent in all Masonic Bodies.

E. Sir Collins D. Pratt, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, died August 2. Sir Knight Pratt's Masonic life was long and honorable. Receiving the symbolic degrees of Freemasonry in Connecticut, he removed to Dakota in 1882, and has since ably filled many of the highest offices.

DISPENSATIONS.

In addition to the Dispensations announced at the Semi-Annual Conclave, May 24, the following have been granted:

Hugh de Payens Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform on Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26, for the purpose of entertaining Dunlap Commandery of Bath, Maine.

Boston Commandery to parade in full uniform, with music and banners, on Saturday, June 23, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Plymouth, Mass., and celebrating St. John's Day.

Cœur de Lion Commandery to join in public procession with other Masonic Bodies in Charlestown, in regalia and with banners and music, on Sunday, June 24, St. John's Day, for the purpose of attending divine service and to decorate with flowers the model of the ancient monument erected to our late Grand Master, Most Worshipful Joseph Warren.

Springfield Commandery to make a pilgrimage to Worcester on Monday, June 25, in full Templar regalia, with banners and band, and accept the hospitality of Worcester County Commandery in celebrating St. John's Day.

Bethany Commandery to parade in full Templar regalia, with music and banners, on Wednesday, June 20, and visit Salem Willows, Salem, Mass.

St. John's Commandery to assemble in Special Conclave on Sunday, June 24, and in full Templar uniform attend divine service at St. Stephen's Church.

Bristol Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, on Saturday, June 16, for the purpose of escorting the Grand Lodge at the laying of the corner stone of the "Richards Memorial Library."

Worcester County Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, on Monday, June 25, for the purpose of entertaining Springfield Commandery.

Haverhill Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, for the purpose of visiting Kennebunk, Maine, on Saturday, June 23, returning on Monday, June 25.

De Molay Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, on Saturday, June 30, for the purpose of visiting the "Wentworth," New Castle, N. H., returning on Monday, July 2.

Cœur de Lion Commandery and Cambridge Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, on Tuesday, June 26, for the purpose of visiting Poland Springs, Maine, returning on Thursday, June 28.

Berkshire Commandery to appear in public in full Templar uniform on Friday, June 22, for the purpose of escorting the Grand Senior Warden to St. Paul Commandery, No. Adams.

Calvary Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform on Sunday, June 24, and attend divine service.

Winslow Lewis Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, on Wednesday, June 20, for the purpose of receiving Bethany Commandery on the occasion of their visit to Salem.

Milford Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, for the purpose of escorting Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter and attending divine service at the Universalist Church, Milford, on Sunday, June 24.

Newburyport Commandery to parade in full Templar regalia, with music and banners, and visit Amesbury and Salisbury on Wednesday, June 27.

St. Paul Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with banners and music, September 11 and 12, for the purpose of visiting Saratoga, N. Y.

Bethlehem Commandery to parade in the city of Gloucester in uniform and with music, on Wednesday, September 26.

Olivet, Winslow Lewis and St. George Commanderies to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, September 26, for the purpose of visiting Gloucester as guests of Bethlehem Commandery.

Boston Commandery to parade in full Templar uniform, with music and banners, on Wednesday, October 10, for the purpose of escorting Massachusetts Consistory on the occasion of the dedication and consecration of a burial lot in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Dispensations have in several cases been granted to receive petitions at Special Conclaves and to ballot upon the same within the prescribed time, and have been refused to receive and ballot upon petitions at one Conclave.

It will be observed that while some of the Dispensations were granted for occasions combining devotion and Freemasonry, many were for recreation and display. It was my fortune to be present at the celebration of St. John's Day by Cœur de Lion Commandery, to participate with De Molay Commandery in their visit to New Castle, and to enjoy a day's outing with Bethlehem Commandery. On all these occasions there was manifested a truly Knightly spirit, one showing the devotional and reverential side of Knight Templarism, the others displaying the well observed characteristic,—hospitality. I was obliged to decline many earnest invitations, and to all I extend my sincere thanks.

Inspections.

The Commanderies within this jurisdiction have been inspected in accordance with General and Special Orders with the exception of Narragansett Commandery, which on account of the illness of E. Sir George L. Shepley, Grand Junior Warden, was inspected by E. Sir Hunter C. White. The inspecting officers were in all cases received in a manner fitting the dignity of representatives of this Grand Commandery, and were entertained with courteous and knightly hospitality.

From their reports it appears that most of the Subordinate Commanderies are in a prosperous condition, well officered, performing the work of the ritual in a careful and impressive manner, with finances in good condition, and with encouraging evidence of a prosperous future. I regret, however, that it was the duty of the inspecting officers to report that in some cases, fortunately very few, the condition of affairs was not of the high standard desired and expected. It is the duty of members of Subordinate Commanderies to look well to the qualification of Sir Knights whom they elect to office. Especially in the important office of E. Commander should rare judgment be exercised, and no one be elected to that honorable position who has not proved himself to be able to satisfactorily perform its important duties. In the office of Recorder also, great care should be exercised. It has been my privilege to inspect the records of many of the Commanderies within this jurisdiction and I have found them to be in most cases beautifully and carefully kept, a credit to the Recorders and an honor to the Commanderies. They will be to future generations as the years roll by a pride and pleasure. But from the reports of inspecting officers of this and preceding years it appears that this high standard of excellence does not in all cases exist, and that the proceedings of some Commanderies are recorded in a manner not suggestive of that correctness and judgment which should be the essential qualities of a Recorder. This condition should not longer exist, and the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery should approve no records which do not faithfully and fully record its proceedings.

At the Semi-Annual Conclave in May the attention of this Grand Body was called to the small number of Sir Knights owning uniforms, and I endeavored to impress upon the minds of the officers and members of the Subordinate Commanderies the necessity for prompt and earnest action in order that every Sir Knight might be so equipped as to be able to appear in the ranks of this Grand Commandery at the opening parade of the Triennial Conclave in 1895. The reports of the inspecting officers show that while in some Commanderies every member is provided with a uniform, in many others the number is so small that it would be impossible, as at present equipped, for these Commanderies to make in public an appearance creditable to themselves and to this Grand Commandery. Again I call upon you, Sir Knights, to take such steps as may be necessary to maintain the dignity and honor of this Grand Body.

It was my duty in accordance with the original assignments to officially inspect five Commanderies, and to visit and inspect Orange Commandery under Dispensation, and while it is a pleasure for the Grand Commander to officially visit the Subordinate Commanderies, I agree with the suggestion of the preceding year "that the Grand Commander should be relieved from personal inspections, so that he may be in freedom to make his visits as opportunity affords, and whenever in his judgment the interests of the Order will be promoted thereby." And I would renew the recommendation "that personal inspections by the Grand Commander be at his option and if necessary he may designate any Grand Officer to perform this duty for him."

The following table shows the reports of the inspecting officers of the past year :

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	Number of the Commandery.	Name and Rank of Inspecting Officers.	Date of Inspection.	Order Conferred.	Number of Members Present.	Number of Members Present in Uniform.	Number of Visitors Present.	Number of Members Owning Uniforms.	Number of Active Members.	Number of Honorary Members.	Number of Candidates Worked on Evening of Inspection.
St. John	1	Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo	March 25, 1894	Red Cross	141	99	9	251	529	....	1
Boston	2	William R. Walker, Grand Captain Ceneral	May 16, 1894	Red Cross	138	83	102	450	748	17	17
Newburyport	3	Charles C. Osgood, Grand Lecturer	May 17, 1894	Temple	49	33	44	119	140	4	1
Washington	4	Charles C. Osgood, Grand Lecturer	June 20, 1894	Temple	56	46	10	130	202	5	1
Worcester County	5	George H. Kenyon, Grand Lecturer	April 26, 1894	Red Cross	128	87	9	....	529	2	2
Springfield	6	Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Commander.	June 20, 1894	Temple and Malta	136	60	10	.	567	12	1
De Molay	7	Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander	Feb. 28, 1894	Red Cross	109	64	54	400	517	11	4
Holy Sepulchre	8	Charles C. Osgood, Grand Lecturer	June 15, 1894	Red Cross	95	74	13	157	232	2	1
Pilgrim	9	Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander	Jan. 24, 1894	Temple	64	46	10	200	298	1	1
Palestine	10	George H. Kenyon, Grand Lecturer	April 12, 1834	Red Cross	60	49	23	160	227	12	4
Milford	11	Charles C. Osgood, Grand Lecturer	April 23, 1894	Temple	53	31	24	130	202	1	1
St. Bernard	12	Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden	May 9, 1894	Red Cross	29	29	4	94	94	..	1
Calvary	13	Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden	April 3, 1804	Temple	80	49	41	215	377	....	1
Haverhill	14	William R. Walker, Grand Captain General	April 10, 1894	Red Cross	62	36	10	225	244	6	1
Old Colony	15	George L. Shepley, Grand Junior Warden	May 28, 1894	Temple	53	39	9	120	135	5	1
Sutton	16	Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo	March 22, 1894	Temple and Malta	72	46	39	125	262	...	2
Bethany	17	George H. Kenyon, Grand Lecturer	May 8, 1894	Red Cross	83	52	4	162	243	..	4
Winslow Lewis	18	Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander	May 17, 1894	Red Cross	41	35	3	118	137	5	1
Jerusalem	19	Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer	March 15, 1894	Red Cross	87	79	13	180	211	7	1
Hugh de Payens	20	Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Commander.	May 9, 1894	Temple	69	60	72	121	214	13	5
St. Omer	21	Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Commander.	April 16, 1894	Red Cross	45	32	34	140	230	2	7
Berkshire	22	William R. Walker, Grand Captain General	May 14, 1894	Temple	35	29	2	....	125	..	1
Connecticut Valley	23	George L. Shepley, Grand Junior Warden	May 15, 1894	Red Cross	38	28	32	123	146	2	1
Woonsocket	24	Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo	April 10, 1894	Red Cross	54	30	8	55	168	....	2
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	George H. Kenyon, Grand Lecturer	Oct. 10, 1894	Temple	44	31	4	123	231	....	1
Joseph Warren	26	Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo	April 25, 1894	Red Cross	81	37	93	125	223	10	3
Narragansett	27	Hunter C. White	June 18, 1894	Red Cross	27	25	2	85	115	..	1
William Parkman	28	William R. Walker, Grand Captain General	April 12, 1894	Red Cross	63	43	25	..	214	11	5
Bristol	29	George L. Shepley, Grand Junior Warden	April 13, 1894	Red Cross	37	35	7	150	149	1	1
Northampton	30	Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden	May 21, 1894	Temple	29	27	5	100	113	2	1
South Shore	31	Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden	June 11, 1894	Red Cross	56	27	30	125	170	....	1
Trinity	32	William R. Walker, Grand Captain General	Jan. 10, 1894	Red Cross	69	52	17	145	158	1	3
Natick	33	Eugene H. Richards, Grand Generalissimo	April 9, 1895	Red Cross	36	30	27	95	141	2	2
Cœur de Lion	34	Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander	May 15, 1894	Red Cross	59	36	44	155	271	13	1
Gethsemane	35	Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer	May 22, 1894	Red Cross	75	42	68	71	178	6	18
Olivet	36	George L. Shepley, Grand Junior Warden	Jan. 3, 1894	Temple	59	50	24	158	205	2	1
Athol	37	Charles C. Osgood, Grand Lecturer	June 6, 1894	Red Cross	35	28	8	93	102	6	1
Bay State	38	Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer	Jan. 8, 1894	Red Cross	90	65	10	200	258	2	1
Cyprus	39	George H. Kenyon, Grand Lecturer	March 22, 1894	Red Cross	76	44	9	124	150	...	5
St. Paul	40	Walter Cutting, Grand Senior Warden	June 8, 1894	Temple	44	36	52	70	80	1	1
Beauseant	41	Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer	Feb. 26, 1894	Temple	43	36	16	175	214	5	2
Cambridge	42	Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Commander.	April 4, 1894	Red Cross	54	41	45	72	122	4	3
Bethlehem	43	Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer	Dec. 11, 1893	Temple	32	32	15	57	57	....	2
St. George	44	Charles C. Fry, Grand Commander	Jan. 11, 1894	Red Cross	40	40	23	....	65	...	1

ORANGE COMMANDERY.

This Grand Commandery having at the Semi-Annual Conclave in May granted a Charter to Orange Commandery of Orange, Mass., the Commandery was constituted and the officers installed on Friday, September 14. The Grand Commander was accompanied by nearly every Grand Officer and by other Eminent Sir Knights. The Commandery was found in a most flourishing condition, having a membership of seventy-nine Sir Knights comprising many of the most prominent citizens of Orange and with a spirit and enthusiasm which ensures a prosperous future.

The thanks of this Grand Body are due the Sir Knights of Orange for the courteous and hospitable manner in which its representatives were received and entertained.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

In addition to the official visits and inspections elsewhere mentioned, I have accompanied the inspecting officers in many visitations and have officiated at the installation of officers of the following named Commanderies:

November 2, 1893, installed the officers of Worcester County Commandery.

November 13, 1893, was present at the installation of the officers of Bethlehem Commandery by E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey, Grand Lecturer, and took part in the ceremonies of the evening.

December 13, 1893, installed the officers of St. Bernard Commandery.

May 2, 1894, installed the officers of Olivet Commandery.

September 26, 1894, installed the officers of De Molay Commandery.

September 28, 1894, publicly installed the officers of South Shore Commandery.

October 1, 1894, installed the officers of Natick Commandery.

October 5, 1894, publicly installed the officers of Cambridge Commandery.

I was obliged to decline several pressing invitations to install the officers of other Commanderies on account of previous engagements. I was accompanied on all official visitations by officers of the Grand Commandery, but regret that on some occasions the attendance was not in numbers befitting the dignity of this Grand Body, and sincerely trust that during the year upon which we are about entering the Grand Commander will upon all official occasions be accompanied by a numerous representation of the Grand Officers, and that no member of this Grand Commandery will accept an office without realizing that to it pertains responsibilities as well as honors.

To the Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Eminent Sir Knights who have so often honored me by their presence I extend my heartfelt thanks, and I desire especially to acknowledge my appreciation of the untiring service of the Eminent Grand Warder, who has, whenever possible and on nearly every official occasion, accompanied me, and of the Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, who has, in the absence of the Grand Warder, ably performed the duties of the office.

Permission was asked by me of the Grand Commander of New Hampshire for De Molay, Cœur de Lion, Haverhill and Cambridge Commanderies, of the Grand Commander of Maine for Cœur de Lion, Haverhill and Cambridge Commanderies, and of the Grand Commander of New York for St. Paul Commandery, to enter their respective jurisdictions. In each case the request was cheerfully granted and hopes expressed that the visits of the several Commanderies might be of interest and pleasure.

It was my privilege to grant to the Grand Commander of Maine permission for Dunlap Commandery to enter the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery and to procure and approve for the Grand Commander of New York a release of jurisdiction.

At the request of Washington Commandery I forwarded to the E. Commander of St. John's Commandery of Wilmington, Delaware, a communication relative to the death, and burial by Washington Commandery of a member of St. John's Commandery, and I received from that Commandery a communication expressive of their appreciation and thanks.

It was my good fortune and pleasure to accompany the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States on a fraternal visit to Boston Commandery, to meet in the Asylum of Calvary Commandery the Grand Commander of New Hampshire and to be present with the Grand Commander of Maine at a social gathering of Hugh de Payens Commandery.

The following communication has been received :

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 12th, 1894.

E. Sir B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder, Boston, Mass. :

DEAR SIR AND FRATER : At the last Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and I was directed to send copies to the several Grand Commanderies in the United States and ask their co-operation in making them effective :

"WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Alabama remembers with sorrow that the Cross, the symbol of our faith, was displayed on the doors of saloons at the Triennial Conclave held in Denver in 1892, and at other Conclaves :

Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Alabama earnestly petitions Grand Master Hugh McCurdy to use his influence to prevent the unseemly use of the Cross at the next Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston.

Resolved 2. That these resolutions be sent to the M. E. Grand Master by the R. E. Grand Commander of Alabama, together with such memorial letter, going to emphasize the sentiments of this Grand Commandery, as he may deem expedient."

Courteously yours,

E. R. HASTINGS,
Grand Recorder.

This communication needs no comment from me, and I leave it to the consideration and good judgment of the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, believing that no true Knight Templar will so degrade the "symbol of our faith."

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and Committee on Finance, show that notwithstanding the depressed condition of business affairs, the march of this Grand Commandery has been in a forward direction. From the report of the Grand Recorder it appears that the amount of money received by him from the various sources during the year is $9.90 in excess of the receipts of the previous year, and that the number of candidates Knighted exceeds that of the previous year by 39, making, with other changes, a total membership of 10,384, a gain during the year of 493, placing this Grand Commandery second in number in the Grand Encampment of the United States, being exceeded only by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Finance Committee it also appears that the finances of this Grand Body are progressing in a favorable direction. I submit, however, for the consideration of the members of the Grand Commandery if it would not be better, in accordance with the standing of this Grand Body, if some arrangement could be made whereby the Grand Treasurer might be supplied with funds for the payment of all bills when received, rather than be obliged to give the notes of this Grand Encampment, sometimes with his personal endorsement.

I commend for your careful consideration the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which appears in print.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

When this Grand Commandery again meets in Annual Conclave, the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of 1895 will exist only in history. The story of those grand processions of Knights Templars, starting from every inhabited spot in the United States and ending in the city of Boston, the pomp and pageantry, the sound of music, the flashing of banners, and the sparkling of bright uniforms and glistening swords will live in the memory of the many thousands of Knights Templars, who by their presence and efforts contributed to the success of this Conclave.

It is hoped and expected that there will be present in the city of Boston the grandest gathering of Knights Templars the world has ever witnessed, and that here, in what may well be called the birthplace of Knight Templarism in the United States, will be exemplified in the highest degree that spirit of courtesy and hospitality which are the never failing characteristics of the Order.

But, Sir Knights, to ensure the success of this undertaking to which the members of this Grand Commandery and the Subordidate Commanderies have pledged themselves, will require strong, earnest, united action. The Grand Commander of 1892, in his annual address, says: "The acceptance of the invitation to hold the 26th Triennial Conclave in Boston in 1895 means steady, persistent study and hard work, an expenditure of time, thought and money. It means that every Commandery in this jurisdiction must put its shoulder to the wheel and lift by its labor and its treasury, that a general committee should be appointed, whose constant thought, day and night, should be the success of the 26th Triennial, and that there must be found for chairman of this committee a man possessed of every known good quality, able to plan, devise and execute, a man of recognized leadership, whose word is law."

Sir Knights, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Grand Commander of 1893, the committee has been appointed and the man found, and it now rests with every Sir Knight within this jurisdiction to make such "expenditure of time, thought and money" as will justify the action of the several Commanderies in authorizing and instructing their representatives to the Triennial Conclave in 1892 to invite the Grand Encampment to meet in Boston in 1895.

June 12 the following circular was issued:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and the Appendant
Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
Lynn, Mass., June 12, 1894.

Official Circular, Series of 1893-94, No. 3.

At the Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, May 24, 1894, Very Em. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee, reported that in order to properly receive and entertain the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States in 1895, liberal contributions would be required from the Subordinate Commanderies, and recommended that each Commandery is requested to contribute an amount proportionate to the number of its members.

The report was accepted, and it was *voted*, "That in order to meet the expenses to be incurred in the proper reception of the Knights Templars of the United States at the Triennial Conclave, to be held in Boston next year, it will be necessary for every Commandery in this jurisdiction to contribute, and each Commandery is hereby earnestly requested to contribute to the general fund of the Triennial Reception Committee, for its use, a sum of money equal to a contribution of five dollars by each member."

The Grand Commander in his Semi-Annual Address said: "The subject of finance has been carefully considered; and while it is impossible with any degree of accuracy to estimate the amount of money necessary, the Committee consider that the amount which the Subordinate Commanderies will be required to pay to the Triennial Committee will, with the sums to be procured from other sources, be sufficient to defray expenses of the Conclave.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island having unanimously instructed its representatives to the Triennial Conclave at Denver in 1892 to invite the Grand Encampment to meet in Boston in 1895, and that invitation having been accepted, it now rests with the Subordinate Commanderies to take such action as shall reflect honor upon the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander requests that each Subordinate Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery will, before May 1, 1895, comply with the vote of the Grand Commandery.

It is directed that this Circular be read at the head of each Commandery at, and borne upon the notice of, the Stated Conclave next succeeding its reception.

Witness my hand and Seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, this 12th day of June, A. D 1894, A. O. 776.

CHAS C. FRY,
Grand Commander.

Attest: B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

Previous to issuing this circular, official information had been received that Olivet Commandery was ready to respond to any request the Grand Commandery might make, and immediately after its receipt Boston Commandery officially notified me that the Commandery had voted to comply with the request of the Grand Commandery, and I have since received official information from Bay State Commandery that their Commander had been instructed to notify the Grand Commander "that the five dollars per capita for every member of Bay State Commandery will be forthcoming at his call, and that the Commandery held herself in readiness to undertake any duty which the Grand Commandery finds it necessary or desirable to impose upon her."

Such words, Sir Knights, strengthen the hands of your committee and smooth the rough and rugged road over which for the next year must travel your Chairman and Commander.

Sir Knights, one year ago I took upon myself the oath of office, promising, to the best of my ability, to perform its duties. How well that promise has been fulfilled you, my friends and brothers, must decide. The year, filled as it has been with duties at times perplexing, has been to me of great pleasure, too quickly has it passed. It seems almost unreal that to-day I lay aside the cares of Masonic office, and for the first time in twenty-one years step forth untrammelled by its great responsibilities. If I have deserved your commendation it is all I desire, for I truly believe that to have served through the many offices in the gift of this Grand Commandery without severe criticism or reproach, is a record of which any Knight Templar may well be proud. May I indulge the hope that in the years to come you may have for me as a Knight Templar that kindness, consideration and respect you have always manifested toward me as your Commander, and may our beloved Order under every administration advance on the road to greater prosperity and honor.

CHARLES C. FRY,

Grand Commander.

The following motion was offered by V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg—which was so ordered:

That so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address delivered this day, as relates to Dispensations, Decisions and also the change recommended in relieving the Grand Commander from visits of inspection except in special cases, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. And that the remainder of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as the Special Committee on Remainder of Grand Commander's Address, R. E. Sirs James Swords, William H. H. Soule, George H. Allen.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence reported in print, which was distributed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the petition of Cambridge Commandery for exclusive jurisdiction over the city of Cambridge, respectfully report that they gave hearing to the parties in interest, the Eminent Commander of Cambridge Commandery appearing for the petitioner and the Commanders with other members of the Commanderies stationed in old Boston for the remonstrants. Both sides were ably represented and the case was presented in all its bearings The committee also examined the proceedings relative to the creation of Cambridge Commandery which met with opposition from the first. The consent of Boston and De Molay Commanderies was withheld for the reason that they believed that great injury to them would result from the granting of the dispensation, as it would largely reduce the territory and population over which they held Templar jurisdiction. The matter was continued to the May Session, 1890, when it again came up, and upon report of the committee which considered the matter the prayer of the petitioner was granted with the understanding that its jurisdiction should be concurrent with that of the commanderies stationed in Boston, as will appear by the following extract from the report of that committee. (Pro. May Session, 1890, p. 26.)

"The committee to whom was referred the petition of Sir Knights . . . . for a Commandery of Knights Templars to be located in the city of Cambridge, would report that they gave the parties interested a hearing. The petitioners disclaim any desire to abridge any of the rights now enjoyed by the Commanderies located in Boston, but that when chartered they should be given concurrent jurisdiction with the Boston Commanderies.

"This proposition disarmed all opposition and left the committee to consider the question—will Templar Masonry be promoted by the establishment of a Commandery in the city of Cambridge."

From the above it appears that not only was there an understanding but an expressed agreement that the jurisdiction should not be divided; and that agreement was emphasized by the Grand Commandery amending its constitution so as to declare the city of Cambridge a part of the jurisdiction to be held in concurrence by the Commanderies of Boston and that of Cambridge. This was done upon the recommendation of the committee which had the matter under consideration.

It appears in evidence that Cambridge Commandery has been and is prosperous, that it had no dearth of candidates, that it has a good and growing field in the Lodges and Chapters located within its reach and that exclusive jurisdiction is more a matter of sentiment or local pride than of necessity. Such a sentiment is commendable, and when it can be furthered without detriment to the interests of others having equal constitutional rights in the territory should be encouraged, but owing to the peculiar conditions affecting the Commanderies in the city proper and the movement towards the suburbs of the population from which they largely derive their support, in view also of the understanding before mentioned and to which this Grand Commandery is a party, the committee are unanimously of the opinion that the request of Cambridge Commandery for exclusive jurisdiction over the city of Cambridge ought not to be granted and therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
CHAS. A. STOTT,
CHAS. H. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

BOSTON, Oct. 25, 1894.

On motion this part of the report was accepted and the recommendation unanimously adopted.

Whereupon the Committee further reported:

To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the suggestion made by Grand Commander Soule in his address of October 20, 1893, viz.: That the Grand Commander be relieved from making personal inspections, except in his discretion, and cause those duties to be performed by others, report that they have considered the subject, and that the suggestion appears to be a practical one. The correspondence, executive and ceremonial duties required of the Grand Commander have so increased that some relief ought to be granted him. He stands at all times for this Order, and is its head and representative in this large and important jurisdiction. Among the Constitutional duties required of him is that of visitation, and he is required in person or by one of his Council to visit at least once in each year every Chartered Commandery in the jurisdiction. As these duties increased he was authorized by an amendment to the Constitution (if he found it necessary) to cause inspections to be performed by a Grand Lecturer, and from this has grown the custom of assigning Grand Lecturers to duty as Inspecting Officers. Later (in 1886) the Grand Commander recommended that the Wardens be assigned such duty, and at the following Conclave the Grand Commander was, on recommendation of the committee to whom the matter had been referred, requested to assign the Wardens to duty as Inspecting Officers, and that practice has ever since prevailed. There can be no doubt of the right of the Grand Commander, in his discretion, to cause inspections to be made by any officer or member of Grand Commandery detailed by him for that purpose, but as the jurisdiction has outgrown that requirement, it may be well to provide by an amendment to the Constitution that the Grand Commander may detail for such duty such other officer or member of the Grand Commandery as may to him seem expedient. This would leave the Grand Commander free from the pressure of a Constitutional requirement, which at times must be inconvenient, he at the same time knowing that the work was being well performed, and this without placing any additional burden upon the other officers. It would also enable the Grand Commander to make official visitations as his convenience, pleasure or duty might dictate.

The committee submit the following for an amendment to the Constitution, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
CHAS. A. STOTT,
CHAS. C. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY.

Resolved, That paragraph 3, in Section 8, of Article I of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery be amended by inserting in the second line thereof, after the word Council, the words "or other officer or member of the Grand Commandery," so that it shall read: It is the duty of the Grand Commander in person or by one of his Council or other officer or member of the Grand Commandery to visit and examine, etc., etc.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that this would require a two-thirds vote of the members to become a law.

The Wardens were instructed to count the vote which was ordered, and reported that 200 had voted in favor and none against, and the amendment was declared carried and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

BOSTON, October 25, 1894.

To the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Committee on By-Laws have examined amendments to the By-Laws of Bethany Commandery, and with a few amendments noted thereon to conform to the Code of Statutes, recommend the same for approval. Also a few slight amendments to the By-Laws of Cœur de Lion Commandery are herewith submitted, with a recommendation for their approval by this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

JOSEPH W. HILL,
CHARLES HARRIS,
WILLIAM ROBINSON,
Committee on By-Laws.

Which was agreed to by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TWO DAYS' ANNUAL SESSION.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
October 25, 1894.

The committee appointed to consider the proposition of holding a two days' session, annually, of the Grand Commandery, and dispensing with the Semi-Annual Conclave, respectfully report that they have given careful consideration to the matter, and while they find that there is some force in the reasons urged for the change, they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to depart from the existing practice.

Courteously submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted by unanimous vote.

The Committee on Past Grand Commanders Jewels made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAST GRAND COMMANDERS JEWELS.

BOSTON, October 25, 1894.

The committee appointed to procure five Past Grand Commanders Jewels report that they contracted with the firm of A. Stowell & Co., the manufacturers of the original lot, and at the same price, and have placed them in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Courteously submitted,

JAMES SWORDS,
B. W. ROWELL,
FREEMAN C. HERSEY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and approved.

E. Sir James H. Upham offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to pay each of the members of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the same sum for their services as they were paid the last past year.

Voted, That the Trustees of the Grand Fund be, and hereby are, directed to pay to the Grand Treasurer the income of said Grand Fund for the present fiscal year.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The R. E. Grand Commander at this time introduced to the Grand Commandery V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, as the duly commissioned Representative and Inspecting Officer of the Grand Encampment of the United States for the First District, including Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Sir Rugg was received with the honors due his exalted position, and expressed his satisfaction and pleasure at the honor conferred upon him.

COMMITTEE OF THE DAY REPORTED.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Committee of the Day reported, and the Grand Commander ordered an intermission for refreshments, to be served in the Banquet Hall until

TWO FIFTEEN O'CLOCK.

AT REFRESHMENT.

The time for refreshment having passed, the Sir Knights were called to order in the Asylum, and the business proceeded with.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

The following Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery being present, were at this time received and welcomed.

Arkansas	E. Sir John Haigh.
California	R. E. Sir James Swords.
Colorado	E. Sir Smith B. Harrington.
Connecticut	E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis.
Georgia	E. Sir Henry G. Jordan.
Iowa	E. Sir George H. Kenyon.
Louisiana	E. Sir George E. Stacey.
Maryland	R. E. Sir George H. Burnham.
Maine	E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey.
Minnesota	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.
Mississippi	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell.
Nebraska	V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg.
New Jersey	E. Sir Joseph W. Hill.
New York	R. E. Sir George H. Allen.
North Carolina	R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman.
North Dakota	E Sir Charles E. Pierce.
Ohio	R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders.
Pennsylvania	E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard.
Tennessee	E. Sir William D. Pool.
Texas	R. E. Sir George H. Burnham.
Vermont	R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain.
Wyoming	E. Sir Eugene A. Holton.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, the R. E. Grand Commander appointed as a committee to distribute, receive, sort and count the ballots, R. E. Sirs James Swords, E. L. Freeman and Sir A. F. Welch.

The committee having attended to the duties assigned them, reported the whole number of votes cast for R. E. Grand Commander was 167, of which E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence had 167 and was elected.

All the R. E. Past Grand Commanders present were appointed as a committee to inform the Sir Knight of his election and escort him to the Asylum. V. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence upon his presentation to the Commandery accepted the office with thanks.

The Grand Commander-elect was then conducted to the altar, and after having taken the oath of office was duly installed into office as R. E. Grand Commander.

The election was then proceeded with and resulted in the election of

E. Sir Eugene H. Richards	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir William R. Walker	Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir Walter Cutting	Grand Captain General.
E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John	Grand Prelate.
E. Sir George L. Shepley	Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir Herbert F. Morse	Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir James H. Upham	Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell	Grand Recorder.
E. Sir John Carr	Trustee of Grand Fund for 3 years.

The R. E. Grand Commander, Samuel C. Lawrence, then announced the following appointed officers:

E. Sir Winthrop Messenger	Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir George E. Hilton	Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir Henry G. Jordan	Grand Warder.
E. Sir A. Frank Welch	Grand Captain of Guards.
E. Sir George H. Kenyon	Grand Lecturers.
E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey	
E. Sir Henry S. Rowe	
E. Sir Charles H. Crane	
E. Sir Henry D. Wilder	Grand Sentinel.

COMMITTEES.

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R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, E. Sir Rev. P. Voorhees Finch.

JURISPRUDENCE.

R. E. Sirs George H. Burnham, Charles A. Stott,
Charles C. Hutchinson.

FINANCE.

E. Sirs Arthur G. Pollard, Robert S. Franklin,
Fred H. Spring.

BY-LAWS.

E. Sirs Joseph W. Hill, Charles Harris, William Robinson.

PRINTING.

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Charles W. Sawyer.

CREDENTIALS.

E. Sirs Edward T. Pigeon, James M. Blanchard,
Lafayette G. Blair.

R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence then presented to R. E. Sir Charles C. Fry the regulation Past Grand Commander's Jewel, which was presented by the Grand Commander in a most pleasing manner, the recipient responding in his usual happy style.

INSTALLATION.

R. E. Sir Charles C. Fry then conducted the installation ceremonies, assisted by R. E. Sir James Swords.

All the officers were installed, and at the conclusion the official proclamation was made by the Acting Grand Warder.

THANKS.

On motion the thanks of the Grand Commandery were tendered to the Committee of the Day for the very able discharge of the duties of their office.

The business of the Conclave being concluded, the R. E. Sir Grand Commander thanked the Sir Knights for their attendance and attention during the session, after which the Grand Commandery adjourned, after uniting in their devotions with Sir Knight Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

A true record of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at its Conclaves held during the year.

ATTEST:

B. W. Rowell,
Grand Recorder.

OCTOBER 28, 1894.

NECROLOGY, 1893-94.

In Memoriam.

St. John's Commandery, No. 1.

Henry J. Healey,
Barnabas J. Chase,
John W. Briggs,
Allen P. Young,
Thomas M. Rounds,
George Fuller,
William Burgess.

Boston Commandery, No. 2.

Nathaniel P. Banks,
Robert B. Bancroft,
Lauriston C. Durkee,
Charles S. Gosse,
Frederick H. Henshaw,
Martin V. B. Kimball,
James, Mills,
William N. Mills,
Charles D. McIntyre,
Hiram Nevons,
William B. Robinson,
Charles L. Skelton,
Robert Smith,
Charles F. Stoddard,
John L. Stevenson,
David Thayer,
Harrison A. Tucker,

Newburyport Commandery, No. 3.

Melvin Pillsbury.

Washington Commandery, No. 4.

Charles Henry Caswell,
William Ford Townsend,
William Gilpin.

Worcester County Commandery, No. 5.

Charles H. Warner,
Henry A. Green,
Lucius F. Billings,
Hervey Bingham,
Charles Belcher,
Thomas A. Clark,
Frank E. Wheeler,
Charles H. Blake,
James A. Smith,
Hiram A. S. Russell.

Springfield Commandery, No. 6.

Francis Brown,
E. B. Barton,
A. I. Bemis,
C. W. Spencer,
D. K. Tucker,
S. C. Wentworth.

DeMolay Commandery, No. 7.

James B. Bell,
Samuel J. Harrison,
Enoch T. Kent,
Stephen R. Niles,
Joseph M. Russell,
James M. Smith,
William Seaver,
Henry O. Stratton,
Joseph Wainwright.
Ambrose Webster,
John L. Williams.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8.

Eugene Augustus Crawford,
George Daggett Carpenter,
David Matthews.

Pilgrim Commandery, No. 9.

George W. Howe,
Bickford Lang,
William Reed.

Palestine Commandery, No. 10.

John H. Dodge,
Newton W. Gannett,
William C. Norton,
John M. Poor.

Milford Commandery, No. 11.

George D. Edmands,
Leonard Fairbanks.

Calvary Commandery, No. 13.

Bernard Bardeen,
Samuel W. Clarke,
Rich. J. Payne,
Ebenezer W. Walker,
Henry B. Whitman.

Haverhill Commandery, No. 14.

Edward W. Kimball,
Harry H. Hale,
Joseph C. Hardy,
David O. Clark,
W. Allen Ordway.

Old Colony Commandery, No. 15.

George E. Keene,
Warren Cooper Curtis,
Elisha Phillips,
Edward Payson Reed,
William A. Crawford.

Sutton Commandery, No. 16.

J. Augustus Brownell,
Franklin M. Ashley,
Edmund L. Daggett,
Frederick Hussey,
Elisha C. Leonard,
Charles W. Drake.

Bethany Commandery, No. 17.

Chase Philbrick,
Edward Wood,
Charles Carroll Talbot.

Winslow Lewis Commandery, No. 18.

Charles P. Thompson,
John R. Langley.

Jerusalem Commandery, No. 19.

Edwin A. Spaulding,
Stephen A. Miller,
Andrew Harvey,
Jones W. Wilder.

Hugh De Payens Commandery, No. 20.

Emery Washburn,
John Viall.
George H. Young.

St. Omer Commandery, No. 21.

William Bickley,
Richard Bradford,
Frank Locke,
T. Nisbet Robertson,
Horatio Smith.

Berkshire Commandery, No. 22.

Charles S. Osborne.

Connecticut Valley Commandery, No. 23.

Rev. Henry Matthews.

Woonsocket Commandery, No. 24.

James P. Ray.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, No. 25.

Albert J. Davis,
Edwin H. Davis,
John D. Thayer,
Leander D. Wilbur,
Zeni Kelly,
John C. Walton.

Joseph Warren Commandery, No. 26.

Hobart Moore,
George Moulton,
Joel Seaverns,
James C. Tucker.

Narragansett Commandery, No. 27.

Charles S. Landers.

William Parkman Commandery, No. 28.

Edward A. Misener,
Thomas Gallagher,
William J. Ellis,
Alonzo Brown,
Thomas Shaw.

Bristol Commandery, No. 29.

Edward P. Paine.

Northampton Commandery, No. 30.

John L. Otis.

South Shore Commandery, No. 31.

Charles W. Seymour.

Trinity Commandery, No. 32.

Daniel F. Pope,
George W. Warfield.

Natick Commandery, No. 33.

G. M. Barker.

Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 34.

George W. Ashly,
Daniel W. Lowell,
William H. Stinehart,
John Weild.

Olivet Commandery, No. 36.

Thomas Collyer,
George W. Ellis,
H. Dexter Reed.

Bay State Commandery, No. 38.

George K. Davis.

Cyprus Commandery, No. 39.

William B. Hilton,
Maurice F. Wetmore.

St. Paul Commandery, No. 40.

Joseph Reed.

Beauseant Commandery, No. 41.

David C. Keay.

Cambridge Commandery, No. 42.

Joseph Whittemore.

ORGANIZATION

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OCTOBER 25, 1894.

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R. E. Grand Commander.

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V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

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Em. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir WALTER CUTTING, Pittsfield, Mass.,
Em. Grand Captain General.

Sir Rev. THOMAS E. St. JOHN, Haverhill, Mass.,
Em. Grand Prelate.

Sir GEORGE L. SHEPLEY, Providence, R. I.,
Em. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir HERBERT F. MORSE, Roxbury, Mass.,
Em. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir JAMES H. UPHAM, Dorchester, Mass.,
Em. Grand Treasurer.

Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Lynn, Mass.,
Em. Grand Recorder.

Sir WINTHROP MESSENGER, Melrose, Mass.,
Em. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir GEORGE E. HILTON, Lynn, Mass.,
Em. Grand Sword Bearer.

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Em. Grand Warder.

Sir ALBION F. WELCH, Danvers, Mass.,
Em. Grand Captain of Guards.

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Em. Grand Lecturers.

Sir HENRY D. WILDER, Malden, Mass.,
Grand Sentinel.

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R. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, R. E. Sir George H. Burnham,
E. Sirs John Carr, Charles E. A. Bartlett,
James H. Upham.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

Date.	Grand Commander.	Dep. Grand Commander.	Grand Generalissimo.	Grand Captain General.	Grand Prelate.
1805	*Thomas Smith Webb		*Henry Fowle	*Jonathan Gage	
1806	" "		" "	" "	
1807	" "		" "	" "	
1808	" "		" "	" "	
1809	" "		" "	" "	
1810	" "		" "	" "	
1811	" "		" "	" "	
1812	" "		" "	" "	
1813	" "		" "	" "	*Thaddeus M. Harris.
1814	" "		" "	" "	" "
1815	" "		" "	*John Carlile	*Richard Carrique.
1816	" "		" "	" "	*Paul Dean.
1817	" "		" "	" "	" "
1818	*William Wilkinson	*Henry Fowle	*John Carlile	*Peter Grinnell	" "
1819	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1820	*Henry Fowle	*John Carlile	*Peter Grinnell	*Henry Purkitt	" "
1821	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1822	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1823	" "	" "	" "	*John James Loring	*John L. Blake.
1824	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1825	" "	*Peter Grinnell	*John James Loring	*Josiah Whitaker	" "
1826	*John Carlile	" "	" "	" "	" "
1827	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1828	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1829	*John James Loring	*Josiah Whitaker	*Robert Lash	*Jacob Amee	" "
1830	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Ezekiel L. Bascom.
1831	" "	*Robert Lash	*Jacob Amee	*Thomas Power	" "
1832	*Robert Lash	*Thomas Power	*Edward A. Raymond	*Abraham A. Dame	" "
1833	*Edward A. Raymond	*Abraham A. Dame	*John Hews	*Joseph Young, Jr.	" "
1834	" "	" "	" "	*Gilbert Nurse	*Paul Dean.
1835	*Abraham A. Dame	*John Hews	*Gilbert Nurse	*Charles W. Moore	" "
1836	" "	" "	*Charles W. Moore	*John Flint	" "
1837	*John Hews	*Charles W. Moore	*John Flint	*John B. Hammatt	" "
1838	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1839	*Charles W. Moore	*John Flint	*John B. Hammatt	*William Field	*Luther Hamilton.
1840	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.—*Continued.*

Date.	GRAND COMMANDER.	DEP GRAND COMMANDER.	GRAND GENERALISSIMO.	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.	GRAND PRELATE.
1841	*Charles W. Moore	*John Flint	*John B. Hammatt	*William Field	*Paul Dean.
1842	*John Flint	*John B. Hammatt	*Ruel Baker	*Barney Merry	" "
1843	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1844	" "	" "	" "	*James Saulsbury	" "
1845	*John B. Hammatt	*Ruel Baker	*James Saulsbury	*Samuel Fessenden	*Albert Case.
1846	" "	" "	*John R. Bradford	*James Hutchison	" "
1847	*Ruel Baker	*John R. Bradford	*James Hutchison	*Simon W. Robinson	" "
1848	*John R. Bradford	*James Hutchison	*Simon W. Robinson	*Winslow Lewis	*Addison Searle.
1849	" "	" "	" "	" "	*H. A. Wilcox.
1850	" "	" "	" "	*Moses Richardson	" "
1851	*James Hutchison	*Simon W. Robinson	*Daniel Harwood	*Asa Woodbury	" "
1852	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Thomas R. Lambert.
1853	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1854	*Simon W. Robinson	*Daniel Harwood	*John McClellan	*Cyrus Fisher	" "
1855	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1856	*Daniel Harwood	*John McClellan	*Cyrus Fisher	*James W. Crooks	William R. Alger.
1857	" "	" "	*Samuel Lewis	*John B. Read	" "
1858	*Winslow Lewis	*William Field	*Charles Robbins	*George F. Wilson	" "
1859	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1860	*William Field	*William Ellison	*Edwin C. Bailey	*William S. Gardner	*Thomas R. Lambert.
1861	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Charles H. Titus.
1862	*William Ellison	*Edwin C. Bailey	*William S. Gardner	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	*Thomas A. Doyle.
1863	*William S. Gardner	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	*William W. Baker	*Thomas A. Doyle	*William S. Studley.
1864	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1865	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	*William W. Baker	*Thomas A. Doyle	Benjamin Dean	" "
1866	" "	" "	*Henry Butler	" "	*John W. Dadmun.
1867	*William W. Baker	Benjamin Dean	*William B. Blanding	William S. Shurtleff	" "
1868	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1869	Benjamin Dean	William S. Shurtleff	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Charles A. Stott	" "
1870	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1871	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Charles A. Stott	*Horace Daniels	*Henry Chickering	*George S. Noyes.
1872	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1873	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1874	Charles A. Stott	Rev. Henry W. Rugg	Wyzeman Marshall	*John Dean	" "
1875	" "	Samuel C. Lawrence	*John Dean	Nelson W. Aldrich	Thomas E. St. John.
1876	Rev. Henry W. Rugg	*John Dean	Nelson W. Aldrich	George E. Stacy	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.—*Continued.*

Date.	GRAND COMMANDER.	DEP. GRAND COMMANDER.	GRAND GENERALISSIMO.	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.	GRAND PRELATE.
1877	*John Dean	Nelson W. Aldrich	*William H. Kent	Caleb Saunders	Thomas E. St. John.
1878	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1879	Nelson W. Aldrich	*William H. Kent	Caleb Saunders	George H. Burnham	" "
1880	*William H. Kent	Caleb Saunders	George H. Burnham	Charles C. Hutchinson	Henry W. Rugg.
1881	" "	" "	" "	" "	*John W. Dadmun.
1882	Caleb Saunders	Charles C. Hutchinson	*George W. Fay	Edward P. Chapin	" "
1883	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1884	Charles C. Hutchinson	George H. Burnham	Edward P. Chapin	George H. Allen	" "
1885	George H. Burnham	Edward P. Chapin	George H. Allen	Edward L. Freeman	" "
1886	Edward P. Chapin	George H. Allen	Edward L. Freeman	James Swords	" "
1887	George H. Allen	Edward L. Freeman	James Swords	John P. Sanborn	" "
1888	Edward L. Freeman	James Swords	John P. Sanborn	Robert H. Chamberlain	" "
1889	James Swords	John P. Sanborn	Robert H. Chamberlain	William H. H. Soule	" "
1890	John P. Sanborn	Robert H. Chamberlain	William H. H. Soule	*Nathan S. Kimball	Lemuel B. Hatch.
1891	Robert H. Chamberlain	William H. H. Soule	*Nathan S. Kimball	Charles C. Fry	P. Voorhees Finch.
1892	William H. H. Soule	*Nathan S. Kimball	Charles C. Fry	Eugene H. Richards	" "
1893	Charles C. Fry	Samuel C. Lawrence	Eugene H. Richards	William R. Walker	Thomas E. St. John.
1894	Samuel C. Lawrence	Eugene H. Richards	William R. Walker	Walter Cutting	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

Date.	Grand Senior Warden.	Grand Junior Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	Grand Standard Bearer.
1805	*John Carlile.	*Nathan Fisher	*Jeremiah F. Jenkins	*William F. Megee	*William Wilkinson.
1806	*Ezra Ames	*Samuel Billings	" "	*Otis Amidon	*Stephen Howard.
1807	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1808	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.
1809	" "	*Andrew Sigourney	*William Wilkinson	" "	" "
1810	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1811	" "	" "	" "	*John M. Eddy	" "
1812	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1813	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1814	*William Wilkinson	*Thomas Jackson	*Peter Grinnell	" "	" "
1815	" "	*John A. Shaw	" "	" "	" "
1816	" "	*Ezra Ames.	" "	" "	" "
1817	*Philip Peck	*Benjamin Smith	" "	*Alexander Bowers.	" "
1818	" "	" "	*Moses Richardson	*Robert Lash	" "
1819	*Benjamin Smith	*Josiah Whitaker	" "	*John R. Cotting	" "
1820	*Robert Lash	" "	" "	" "	" "
1821	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Charles C. Nichols.
1822	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1823	*Josiah Whitaker	*Samuel Howe	" "	" "	*Isaac Stall.
1824	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1825	*Robert Lash	" "	" "	" "	" "
1826	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1827	" "	*Richard S. Spofford	" "	*Samuel Howe	*Edward A. Raymond.
1828	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1829	*Edward A. Raymond	*Thomas Power	" "	" "	*Daniel Tenney.
1830	*Thomas Power	*Edward A. Raymond	" "	" "	" "
1831	*Edward A. Raymond	*Abraham A. Dame	" "	" "	*Joseph Young.
1832	*John Hews	*Joseph Young, Jr.	" "	" "	*Gilbert Nurse.
1833	*Gilbert Nurse	*Charles W. Moore	" "	" "	*John Flint.
1834	*Charles W. Moore	*John Flint	*Samuel Wales	" "	*Ruel Baker.
1835	*John Flint	*John B. Hammatt	" "	" "	*John R. Bradford.
1836	*John B. Hammatt	*Ruel Baker.	" "	" "	" "
1837	*Ruel Baker	*John R. Bradford	" "	" "	*William Bittle.
1838	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Hugh H. Tuttle.
1839	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1840	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "

Elected and Appointed Officers of the Grand Commandery.—*Continued.*

Date.	Grand Senior Warden.	Grand Junior Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	Grand Standard Bearer.
1841	*Ruel Baker	*John R. Bradford	*Samuel Wales	*John Hews	*Benjamin H. West.
1842	*John R. Bradford	*Simon W. Robinson	" "	*Gilbert Nurse	*George L. Oakes.
1843	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1844	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1845	" "	" "	*William Eaton	" "	*James Easterbrook.
1846	*Simon W. Robinson	*Hugh H. Tuttle	" "	" "	*Samuel Pearce.
1847	*Hugh H. Tuttle	*James Easterbrook	" "	" "	*Albert H. Kelsey.
1848	" "	*Samuel Pearce	" "	" "	*Asa Walker.
1849	" "	" "	" "	*Calvin Whiting	" "
1850	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1851	*Samuel Pearce	*John McClellan	" "	" "	*James W. Crooks.
1852	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1853	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1854	*James W. Crooks	*John B. Read.	" "	" "	*Asa Walker.
1855	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1856	*John B. Read.	*J. A. D. Joslin	*William Parkman	" "	*Charles B. Farnsworth.
1857	*J. A. D. Joslin	*William A. Smith.	" "	*Stephen Lovell,	Henry Goddard.
1858	*William A. Smith	*William S. Gardner	" "	*William H. L. Smith	*Richard S. Spofford.
1859	" "	" "	" "	" " "	" "
1860	Wyzeman Marshall	*Charles A. Davis	" "	*Solon Thornton	*George W. Bentley.
1861	" "	" "	" "	" "	*Gardner T. Swarts.
1862	" "	*George W. Bentley	" "	" "	*William B. Blanding.
1863	Benjamin Dean	*George A. French.	" "	" "	" "
1864	" "	*William B. Blanding	" "	" "	*Gardner T. Swarts.
1865	*William B. Blanding	William S. Shurtleff	" "	" "	*William Sutton.
1866	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1867	Charles A. Stott	*Nicholas Van Slyck	" "	" "	" "
1868	" "	" " "	" "	" "	" "
1869	Henry W. Warren	*Horace Daniels	" "	*Alfred F. Chapman	" "
1870	*Charles E. Powors	" "	" "	" "	" "
1871	*Tracy P. Cheever.	*John Dean	" "	" "	" "
1872	" "	" "	" "	" "	John Aldred.
1873	Nelson W. Aldrich	George E. Stacy	" "	" "	Daniel E. Chase.
1874	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1875	George E. Stacy	*Peter S. Bailey	" "	" "	William D. Pool.
1876	*Peter S. Bailey	*William H. Kent	" "	" "	" "

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.—*Continued.*

Date.	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND RECORDER.	GRAND STANDARD BEARER.
1877	Samuel Mason, Jr.	George H. Burnham	*William Parkman	*Alfred F. Chapman	Marvin S. Fellows.
1878	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1879	Charles C. Hutchinson	Edward L. Freeman	James H. Upham	" "	James M. Pendleton.
1880	Edward L. Freeman	Edward P. Chapin	" "	" "	*Charles H. McClellan.
1881	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1882	*Charles H. McClellan	Albert F. Dow	" "	" "	John Haigh.
1883	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1884	Edward L. Freeman	James Swords	" "	" "	Clinton D. Sellew.
1885	James Swords	John P. Sanborn	" "	" "	Eben D. Bancroft.
1886	John P. Sanborn	Robert H. Chamberlain	" "	" "	William H. H. Soule.
1887	Robert H. Chamberlain	William H. H. Soule	" "	" "	Walter Cutting.
1888	William H. H Soule	Horace E. Boynton	" "	" "	*Nathan S. Kimball.
1889	Horace E. Boynton	*Nathan S. Kimball	" "	" "	Charles C. Fry.
1890	Charles C. Fry	Eugene H. Richards	" "	Benjamin W. Rowell	William R. Walker.
1881	Eugene H. Richards	William R. Walker	" "	" "	Charles E. Pierce.
1892	William R. Walker	Walter Cutting	" "	" "	George L. Shepley.
1893	Walter Cutting	George L. Shepley	" "	" "	Herbert F. Morse.
1894	George L. Shepley	Herbert F. Morse	" "	" "	Winthrop Messenger.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

Date.	GRAND SWORD BEARER.	GRAND WARDER.	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.	GRAND SENTINEL.	PLACE WHERE THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE WAS HELD.
1805	*John Davis		*Nicholas Hoppin		Providence, R. I.
1806	*Stephen Foster	*Henry Purkitt	" "		Boston, Mass.
1807	" "	" "	" "		" "
1808	" "	" "	" "		Providence, R. I.
1809	" "	" "	" "		Newburyport, Mass.
1810	" "	" "	" "		Boston, Mass.
1811	" "	" "	" "		Providence, R. I.
1812	" "	" "	" "		Boston, Mass.
1813	" "	" "	*Edward Oliver		" "
1814	" "	" "	" "		" "
1815	" "	*Samuel Jackson	*William P. R. Benson		Providence, R. I.
1816	*John J. Loring	*John A. Shaw	*Edward Oliver		Boston, Mass.
1817	" "	*H. Y. Cranston	" "		Providence, R. I.
1818	" "	" "	" "		Boston, Mass.
1819	" "	" "	" "		" "
1820	*Samuel Howe	*John J. Loring	" "		" "
1821	" "	" "	*Ebenezer Oliver		" "
1822	" "	" "	" "		Providence, R. I.
1823	*Hector Coffin.	*Jacob Amee.		*Ebenezer Oliver	Boston, Mass.
1824	*Eleazer Wyer	" "		" "	Providence, R. I.
1825	*Thomas Power	" "		" "	Boston, Mass.
1826	" "	" "		" "	Providence, R. I.
1827	" "	" "		" "	Boston, Mass.
1828	" "	" "		" "	Providence, R. I.
1829	*Joseph Young	*Abraham A. Dame		" "	Boston, Mass.
1830	" "	" "		" "	" "
1831	*John Hews	*Daniel Tenney		" "	" "
1832	*Charles W. Moore	" "		" "	" "
1833	*Ruel Baker	" "		*William C. Martin.	" "
1834	*John R. Bradford	*John B. Hammatt		" "	" "
1835	*Winslow Lewis, Jr	*Ruel Baker		" "	" "
1836	*Simon W. Robinson	*Winslow Lewis, Jr		" "	" "
1837	*Hugh H. Tuttle	*Simon W. Robinson		" "	" "
1838	*Winslow Lewis, Jr	" "		" "	" "
1839	" "	" "		" "	" "
1840	*Benjamin H. West	" "		*William Clemons	Providence, R. I.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.—*Continued.*

Date.	Grand Sword Bearer.	Grand Warder.	Grand Captain of the Guard.	Grand Sentinel.	Place where the Annual Conclave was Held.
1841	*Hugh H. Tuttle	*Simon W. Robinson			Boston, Mass.
1842	*Benjamin H. West	*Hugh H. Tuttle			" "
1843	" "	" "			" "
1844	*Hugh H. Tuttle	*William Eaton			" "
1845	" "	*William C Barker			" "
1846	*James Easterbook	*Alexander H. Putney			" "
1847	*Samuel Pearce	*Asa Woodbury			" "
1848	*Albert H. Kelsey	" "			" "
1849	" "	" "			" "
1850	" "	" "			" "
1851	*Asa Walker	*Cyrus Fisher			" "
1852	" "	" "			" "
1853	" "	" "			" "
1854	*John A. D. Joslin	*Nathan H. Gould			Providence, R. I.
1855	" "	" "			Boston, Mass.
1856	*Asa Walker	" "			" "
1857	*Charles B. Farnsworth	Benjamin Dean			Providence, R. I.
1858	Benjamin Dean	*William B. Blanding			Boston, Mass.
1859	" "	" "			" "
1860	*Gardner T. Swarts	" "			" "
1861	*Mark Symonds	William S. Shurtleff		*Eben F. Gay	Providence, R. I.
1862	*Gardner T. Swarts	*E. I. Titcomb	*William F. Salmon	" "	Boston, Mass.
1863	" "	*William F. Salmon	*John Shepley	" "	Providence, R. I.
1864	*Seth P. Miller	" "	" "	" "	Boston, Mass.
1865	" "	*Horace Daniels	Henry P. Perkins	" "	" "
1866	*Tracy P. Cheever	" "	" "	" "	" "
1867	" "	*Henry W. Warren	" "	" "	" "
1868	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1869	*Edward H. Brainard	Henry P. Perkins	Levi L. Webster	" "	Providence, R. I.
1870	*Henry Chickering	Stafford W. Razee	James M. Pendleton	" "	Boston, Mass.
1871	Stafford W. Razee	*George W. Ray	George E. Stacy	" "	" "
1872	" "	" "	" "	*Frederick A. Pierce	Providence, R. I.
1873	*Hocum E. Hosford	*William H. Kent	George H. Burnham	*Eben F. Gay	Boston, Mass.
1874	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1875	George H. Burnham	" "	Caleb Saunders	*Benjamin F. Nourse	Providence, R. I.
1876	" "	Caleb Saunders	George Moulton	" "	Boston, Mass.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.—*Concluded.*

Date.	Grand Sword Bearer.	Grand Warder.	Grand Captain of the Guard.	Grand Sentinel.	Place where the Annual Conclave was Held.
1877	William D. Pool	James M. Pendleton	Gardner T. Sanford	*Benjamin F. Nourse	Boston, Mass.
1878	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1879	Charles B. Lancaster	John Kent	Francello G. Jillson	" "	" "
1880	Walter B. Vincent	" "	Joseph B. Mason	" "	" "
1881	Arthur G. Pollard	" "	" "	" "	" "
1882	Dexter B. Vickary	*John L. Stevenson	Henry Field, Jr.	" "	" "
1883	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
1884	Henry W. Hartwell	John P. Sanborn	Baalis Sanford	" "	" "
1885	D. Frank Robinson	Samuel O. Daniels	William H. H. Soule	" "	" "
1886	Walter Cutting	Charles C. Spellman	*Nathan S. Kimball	" "	" "
1887	*Nathan S. Kimball	Charles C. Fry	Thomas Kellough	Eugene Stevens	" "
1888	Charles C. Fry	Alvord O. Miles	Eugene H. Richards	" "	" "
1889	Eugene H. Richards	Charles E. Pierce	Frank T. Dwinell	" "	" "
1890	Charles E. Pierce	Alvord O. Miles	Frederick J. Foss	" "	" "
1891	Walter Cutting	George L. Allen	" "	" "	" "
1882	Herbert F. Morse	Winthrop Messenger	Green Davis	" "	" "
1893	Winthrop Messenger	George E. Hilton	Henry G. Jordan	Henry D. Wilder	" "
1894	George E. Hilton	Henry G. Jordan	Albion F. Welch	" "	" "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVE.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	E. Sir D. Frank Robinson	Lawrence, Mass.
Arizona		
Arkansas	E. Sir John Haigh	Somerville, Mass.
California	R. E. Sir James Swords	Boston, Mass.
Colorado	E. Sir Smith B. Harrington	Wollaston Heights, Mass.
Connecticut	E. Sir Arthur W. Dennis	Providence, R. I.
Georgia	E. Sir Henry G. Jordan	Boston, Mass.
Illinois	E. Sir Newton D. Arnold	Providence, R. I.
Indiana	E. Sir James H. Upham	Dorchester, Mass.
Iowa	E. Sir George H. Kenyon	Providence, R. I.
Kansas	M. E. Sir Benjamin Dean	South Boston, Mass.
Kentucky	E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall	Boston, Mass.
Louisiana	E. Sir George E. Stacy	Milford, Mass.
Maryland	R. E. Sir George H. Burnham	Providence, R. I.
Maine	E. Sir Freeman C. Hersey	Boston, Mass.
Michigan		
Minnesota	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.
Mississippi	E. Sir Benjamin W. Rowell	Lynn, Mass.
Missouri	R. E. Sir Charles C. Hutchinson	Lowell, Mass.
Montana		
Nebraska	R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg	Providence, R. I.
New Hampshire	R. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich	Providence, R. I.
New Jersey	E. Sir Joseph W. Hill	Charlestown, Mass.
New York	R. E Sir George H. Allen	Lynn, Mass.
North Carolina	R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman	Central Falls, R. I.
North Dakota	E. Sir Charles E. Pierce	South Boston, Mass.
Ohio	R. E. Sir Caleb Saunders	Lawrence, Mass.
Oregon		
Pennsylvania	E. Sir Arthur G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
South Dakota	R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin	Springfield, Mass.
Tennessee	E. Sir William D. Pool	Lynn, Mass.
Texas	R. E. Sir George H. Burnham	Providence, R. I.
Vermont	R. E. Sir Robert H. Chamberlain.	Worcester, Mass.
Virginia	E. Sir Charles C. Spellman	Springfield, Mass.
Washington	E. Sir Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield, Mass.
West Virginia	E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew	Providence, R. I.
Wisconsin	R. E. Sir Edward P. Chapin	Springfield, Mass.
Wyoming	E. Sir Eugene A. Holton	Boston, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	REPRESENTATIVES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	E. Sir Eldorado Knight	Selma, Ala.
Arizona		
Arkansas	R. E. Sir William M. Mellette	Fort Smith, Ark.
California	E. Sir Charles F. Lott	Oroville.
Colorado	R. E. Sir James P. Maxwell	Denver, Col.
Connecticut	R. E. Sir Henry Woodward	Middletown, Conn.
Georgia	E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong	Eastman, Georgia.
Illinois	R. E. Sir Phil. W. Barclay	Cairo, Ill.
Indiana	E. Sir Joseph H. Manning	Michigan City, Ind.
Iowa	E. Sir William F. Fidlar	Davenport, Iowa.
Kansas	R. E. Sir George W. Port	Beloit, Kansas.
Kentucky	E. Sir Henry G. Sandifer	Danville, Ky.
Louisiana	E. Sir A. S. Badger	New Orleans, La.
Maryland	R. E. Sir Charles McDonald, Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
Maine	R. E. Sir John W. Ballou	Bath, Me.
Michigan		
Minnesota	E. Sir D. H. Montfort	St. Paul, Minn.
Mississippi	E. Sir B. A. Vaughn	Columbus, Miss.
Missouri	E. Sir Reuben Barney	Chillicothe, Mo.
Montana		
Nebraska	E. Sir Eben K. Long	Omaha, Neb.
New Hampshire	E. Sir George P. Cleaves	Concord, N. H.
New Jersey	R. E. Sir W. H. McElhenney	Neshanic, N. J.
New York	E. Sir John R. Quinby	Albany, N. Y.
North Carolina	E. Sir George H. King	Charlotte, N. C.
North Dakota	E. Sir William P. Perkins	Bismarck, N. B.
Ohio	E. Sir John W. Chamberlain	Tiffin, Ohio.
Oregon		
Pennsylvania	M. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin	Lebanon, Pa.
South Dakota	E. Sir John H. Babcock	Mitchell, S. D.
Tennessee	E. Sir Charles H. Eastman	Nashville, Tenn.
Texas	E. Sir John C. Kidd	Houston, Texas.
Vermont	E. Sir William H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington, Vt.
Virginia	R. E. Sir William B. Isaacs	Richmond, Va.
Washington	E. Sir Horace W. Tyler	Spokane, Wash.
West Virginia	E. Sir Hugh Sterling	Wheeling, W. Va.
Wisconsin	E. Sir Oliver Libbey	Green Bay, Wis.
Wyoming	E. Sir William H. Smith	Rawlins, Wyo.

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, MARCH 18, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

[While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.]

Sir Rev. Solomon Sias,
Sir Thomas S. Bowles,
Sir Joseph M. Gerrish.
Sir Samuel Fessenden.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, JUNE 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*Sir Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom, 1825.
Sir Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., 1826.
*Sir John Warner, 1827.
*Sir Rev. Joshua Flagg, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder, November 13, 1876, and are now in the archives of the Grand Commandery.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	15
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commander)	418
Commanders, Generalissimos and Captains-General of Subordinate Commanderies	135
Total	583

Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above, September 30, 1894	10,384
Created, year ending September 30, 1894	693
Affiliated " " "	105
Dimitted, " " "	146
Suspended, " " "	22
Expelled, " " "	4
Died, " " "	134
Total gain of members over 1893	473

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars,

AND THE

APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
MEDFORD, MASS., Oct. 30, A.D. 1894, A.O. 776.

GENERAL ORDERS,
Series 1894-95.
No. 1.

The several Commanderies within this Jurisdiction are assigned for official Visitation and Inspection, as follows:—

To Em. Sir EUGENE H. RICHARDS, Deputy Grand Commander,	Springfield. Old Colony. Saint Omer. William Parkman. Gethsemane.
To Em. Sir WILLIAM R. WALKER, Grand Generalissimo,	Washington. Worcester County. Saint Bernard. Bristol. Olivet.
To Em. Sir WALTER CUTTING, Grand Captain-General,	Boston. Milford. Hugh de Payens. Palestine. Godfrey de Bouillon.
To Em. Sir GEORGE L. SHEPLEY, Grand Senior Warden,	Haverhill. Sutton. Northampton. Natick. Cyprus.
To Em. Sir HERBERT F. MORSE, Grand Junior Warden,	Newburyport. Holy Sepulchre. Winslow Lewis. Connecticut Valley. Saint Paul's.
To Em. Sir WINTHROP MESSENGER, Grand Standard Bearer,	Pilgrim. Beauseant.

To Em. Sir GEORGE E. HILTON, Grand Sword Bearer,	Calvary. Orange.
To Em. Sir GEORGE H. KENYON, Grand Lecturer,	De Molay. Woonsocket. Narragansett. Cœur de Lion.
To Em. Sir FREEMAN C. HERSEY, Grand Lecturer.	Jerusalem. Joseph Warren. South Shore. Cambridge.
To Em. Sir HENRY S. ROWE, Grand Lecturer.	Saint John. Bethany. Berkshire. Trinity.
To Em. CHARLES H. CRANE, Grand Lecturer.	Athol. Bay State. Bethlehem. Saint George.

The Inspecting Officers will report to the Grand Commander on or before October 1, 1895, the condition of the Commanderies assigned to them. The Grand Commander requests the Eminent Commander of each Subordinate Commandery to send a notice of each Conclave to him, and also to the Inspecting Officer assigned to said Commandery during this Templar year.

This Order will be read at the head of each Commandery at the first stated Conclave after its receipt.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

B. W. ROWELL,
Grand Recorder.

DIRECTORY

OF

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IN THE

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WITH

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1894.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, 1892-95.

Elected and Appointed August 11 and 12, 1892.

Grand Master.

Hugh McCurdy.................................Corunna, Mich.

Deputy Grand Master.

W. La Rue Thomas.............................Marysville, Ky.

Grand Generalissimo.

Reuben Hedly Lloyd...........................San Francisco, Cal.

Grand Captain General.

Henry B. Stoddard............................Bryan, Texas.

Grand Senior Warden.

George M. Moulton............................Chicago, Ill.

Grand Junior Warden.

Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D.....................Providence, R. I.

Grand Treasurer.

H. Wales Lines...............................Meriden, Conn.

Grand Recorder.

William Bryan Isaacs.........................Richmond, Va.

Grand Prelate.

Joseph M. McGrath............................Elgin, Illinois.

Grand Standard Bearer.

William B. Melish............................Cincinnati, Ohio.

Grand Warder.

Harper M. Orahood............................Denver, Col.

Grand Captain of the Guard.

John A. Sloan................................St. Louis, Missouri.

ALABAMA, 1894.

10 Subordinates, 368 Members.

Charles Wheelock, Grand Commander, Birmingham.

E. R. Hastings, Grand Recorder, Montgomery.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Mobile	2	J. A. Carter	Mobile.
Montgomery	4	H. H. Matthews	Montgomery.
Selma	5	E. S. Starr	Selma.
Huntsville	7	C E. Johnson	Huntsville.
Eufaula	9	C. H. Beach	Eufaula
Cyrene	10	M. D. Montague	Birmingham.
Troy	12	W. C. Black	Troy.
De Molay	14	A. S. Darnell	New Decatur.
Etowah	15	M. L. Foster	Gadsden.
Tuscumbia	16	J. E. Keenan	Tuscumbia.

ARIZONA, 1893.

3 Subordinates, 100 Members.

Geo. J. Roskruge, Grand Commander, Tucson.

Douglass Snyder, Grand Recorder, Tucson.

Arizona	1	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Ivanhoe	2	R. N. Fredericks	Prescott.
Phœnix	3	J. J. Sweeney	Phenix.

ARKANSAS, 1894.

11 Subordinates, 497 Members.

Wm. M. Mellette, Grand Commander, Fort Smith.

James A. Henry, Grand Recorder, Little Rock.

Hugh de Payens	1	Arthur C. Jones	Little Rock.
Bertrand du Guesclin	2	Alfred A. Tufts	Camden.
Jacques de Molay	3	James H. Hamilton	Fort Smith.
Hot Springs	5	J. N. Avery	Hot Springs.
Cœur de Lion	6	J. M. Montgomery	Texarkana.
Palestine	7	Rees B. Hogins	Russellville.
Damascus	8	John T. Marsh	Pine Bluff.
St. Aldemar	10	Geo. W. Penn	Harrison.
Apollo	11	Ellis Turley	Forest City.
Ivanhoe	12	E. W. Hillis	Jonesboro.
St. Elmo	13	T. J. Woods	Batesville.

CALIFORNIA. 1894.

33 Subordinates, 2,819 Members.

Frank W. Sumner, Grand Commander, San Francisco.

Thos. Hubbard Caswell, Grand Recorder, San Francisco.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
California	1	Hiram T. Graves	San Francisco.
Sacramento	2	A. A. Redington	Sacramento.
Pacific	3	Wm. G. Rudorff	Sonora.
El Dorado	4	C. H. Weatherwax	Placerville.
Oroville	5	H. C. Hills	Oroville.
Nevada	6	Ianthis J. Rolfe	Nevada City.
Marysville	7	Geo. R. Eckart	Marysville.
Stockton	8	M. S. Thresher	Stockton.
Cœur de Lion	9	W. A. Bonynge	Los Angeles.
San Jose	10	Clarence Haydock	San Jose.
Oakland	11	Charles F. Burnham	Oakland.
Chico	12	Wm. H. Miller	Chico.
Lassen	13	Wm. T. Masten	Susanville.
Santa Rosa	14	Jas. C. Mailer	Santa Rosa.
Golden Gate	16	Wm. T. Fonda	San Francisco.
Red Bluff	17	Elias D. Gardner	Red Bluff.
Ventura	18	W. H A. Thompson	Ventura.
Naval	19	Chas F. Mugridge	Vallejo.
Mount Olivet	20	Platt B. Gilbert	Petaluma.
Woodland	21	Loron W. Hilliker	Woodland.
Watsonville	22	John H. McEwen	Watsonville.
Saint Bernard	23	Edward A. Smith	San Bernardino.
Colusa	24	Edward W. Jones	Colusa.
San Diego	25	John P. Burt	San Diego.
Visalia	26	R. L. Freeman	Visalia.
San Luis Obispo	27	John Whicher	San Luis Obispo.
Riverside	28	E. J. Davis	Riverside.
Fresno	29	George C. Grimes	Fresno.
St. Omer	30	Samuel Manchester	Santa Barbara.
Pasadena	31	Romayne Williams	Pasadena.
Mt. Shasta	32	Louis Nordheim	Yreka.
Ukiah	33	John H. Barker	Ukiah.
Napa	34	F. E. Johnston	Napa.

COLORADO, 1894.

24 Subordinates, 1,626 Members.

William D. Todd, Grand Commander, Denver.

Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, Denver.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Colorado	1	Edwin F. Arthur	Denver.
Central City	2	Samuel I. Lorah	Central City.
Pueblo	3	Charles W. Bowman	Pueblo.
Georgetown	4	George Meyers	Georgetown.
Mt. of the Holy Cross	5	Willis L. Thompson	Leadville
Pike's Peak	6	C. E. Stubbs	Colorado Springs.
Mount Sinai	7	Hiram E. Washburn	Boulder.
Gunnison	8	Ira Brown	Gunnison.
Cañon City	9	Daniel A. Bradbury	Cañon City.
Greeley	10	Dennis Murray	Greeley.
Ivanhoe	11	Andrew L. Lewis	Durango.
Long's Peak	12	Abraham L. Gibson	Longmont.
De Molay	13	Celestine E. Lull	Fort Collins.
Aspen Mountain	14	Frederick A. Hunt	Aspen.
Rio Grande del Norte	15	Arnold D. Springer	Alamosa.
Ouray	16	George C. Pierce	Ouray.
Salida	17	George W. McGovern	Salida.
Oriental	18	David S. Harper	Trinidad.
Montrose	19	James F. Kyle	Montrose.
Glenwood Springs	20	Marshall H. Dean	Glenwood Springs.
Akron	21	William B. Colvin	Akron.
Palestine	22	John W. Manley	La Junta.
Temple	23	William Carlyle	Grand Junction.
Denver	25	Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1894.

11 Subordinates, 2,099 Members,

G. Herrick Wilson, Grand Commander, Meriden.

E. C. Birdsey, Grand Recorder, Meriden.

Washington	1		Hartford.
New Haven	2	F. G. Anthony	New Haven.
Clinton	3	James D. Jennings	Norwalk.
Columbian	4	Burrell W. Hyde	Norwich.
Hamilton	5	C. H. Peet, Jr	Bridgeport.
Palestine	6	Charles W. Churchill	New London.
Clark	7	Henry W. Atwood	Waterbury.
Cyrene	8	Ira L. Gardiner	Middletown.
St. Elmo	9	William H. Miller	Meriden.
Crusader	10	William G. Randall	Danbury.
St. John's	11	DeW. C. Hill	Willimantic.

GEORGIA, 1894.

10 Subordinates, 647 Members.

Park Woodward, Grand Commander, Atlanta.

Samuel P. Hamilton, Grand Recorder, Savannah.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Georgia	1	Hy Edmondston	Augusta.
St. Omer	2	George A. Dure	Macon.
St. Aldemar	3	E. M. Wheat	Columbus.
Cœur de Lion	4	Zadoc B. Moon	Atlanta
De Molay	5	John E. Sullivan	Americus.
Wm. Tracy Gould	6	Cyrus Sharp, Jr	Forsyth.
Palestine	7	John Riley	Savannah.
Rome	8	Benjamin F. Clark	Rome.
Atlanta	9	M. B. Torbett	Atlanta.
Fort Valley	10	W. F. Wynne	Fort Valley.

ILLINOIS, 1893.

62 Subordinates, 8,881 Members.

Harvey Milton Hall, Grand Commander, Olney.

Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder, Chicago.

Apollo	1	Franklin H. Hulburd	Chicago.
Belvidere	2	Frederick S. Detrich	Alton.
Peoria	3	George F. Henthorne	Peoria.
Joliet.	4	John B. Fithian	Joliet.
Blaney	5	Edward L. Lott	Morris.
Elwood	6	Edmund D. Poston	Springfield.
Freeport	7	Seth C. Buckman	Freeport.
Galesburg	8	Joseph H. Calkins	Galesburg.
Beaumanoir	9	Nathan L. Krone	Decatur.
Ottawa	10	David Batcheller	Ottawa.
Beauseant	11	Thomas J. Mackoy	Quincy.
Waukegan	12	John E. Baggett	Waukegan.
Cairo	13	T. C. Clendenen	Cairo.
Gorin	14	John Kuster	Olney.
Sycamore	15	Frank H. Smith	Sycamore.
Urbana	16	William G. Brown	Urbana.
Crusader	17	Orison F. Barbour	Rockford.
Evert	18	Robert C. Willerton	Rock Island.
Chicago	19	Nathan Wilder	Chicago.
Temple	20	Charles G. Cushing	Princeton.
Dixon	21	Edwin W. Smith	Dixon.
Aurora	22	Charles F. Tyler	Aurora.
Cyrene	23	Joseph S. Hobbs	Centralia.
De Molay	24	Charles F. Webb	Bloomington.
Calvary	25	Edwin E. Thomas	Woodstock.

ILLINOIS.—Continued.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
St. John	26	Hermann Grossman	Peru.
Palestine	27	Henry C. Boyles	Paris.
Bethany	28	C. Ruedy	Mendota.
Hugh de Payens	29	Frederick A. Davis	Carrollton
St. Omer	30	John H. McManus	Litchfield.
Hospitaler	31	Thomas J. Bronson	Jacksonville.
Almoner	32	John D. Hess	Augusta.
Ivanhoe	33	Charles F. Whitmore	Kankakee.
St. Paul	34	Darwin A. Fraley	Fairbury.
St. Bernard	35	George L. Ward	Chicago.
Bethel	36	Willard H. Seeley	Elgin.
Melita	37	Oscar H. Sloan	Tuscola.
Mt. Olivet	38	I. B. Blackstock	Paxton.
Mt. Pulaski	39	S. S. Clapper	Mt. Pulaski.
Galena	40	Richard M. Spensley	Galena.
Gethsemane	41	Louis C. Flanagan	Metropolis.
Damascus	42	F. M. Cappel	Havana.
Cœur de Leon	43	Isaac J. Jenkins	El Paso.
Godfrey de Bouillon	44	John F. Scott	Mattoon.
Athelstan	45	A. S. Bixby	Danville.
St. Aldemar	47	John G. Strodtman	Petersburg.
Delta	48	E. T. Curry	Clayton.
Ascalon	49	Charles R. Lame	Pittsfield.
Tancred	50	George E. Lary	Bellville.
Constantine	51	S. M. Guttery	Lincoln.
Chevalier Bayard	52	George W. Prickett	Chicago.
Montjoie	53	Harry W. Stannard	Chicago.
Siloam	54	LaMotte Lovett	Oak Park.
El Aksa	55	J. P. Montgomery	Quincy.
Rushville	56	Mortimer Ayres	Rushville.
Sterling	57	John W. Niles	Sterling.
Evanston	58	Theo. P. Siddall	Evanston.
Englewood	59	Frank Sheffield	Englewood.
Long	60	Isaiah V. Hollinger	Mount Carroll.
Macomb	61	Alexander McLean	Macomb.
Calumet	62	James F. Pierson	South Chicago.
Columbia	63	Charles W. Walduck	Chicago.

INDIANA, 1894.

36 Subordinates, 3,309 Members.

Charles W. Slick, Grand Commander, Mishawaka.

William H. Smythe, Grand Recorder, Indianapolis.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Raper	1	Jacob W. Smith	Indianapolis.
Baldwin	2	George W. F. Kirk	Shelbyville.
La Fayette	3	William B. Wormley	La Fayette.
Fort Wayne	4	Chauncey B. Oakley	Fort Wayne.
New Albany	5	M. D. Condiff	New Albany.
Connersville	6	Charles I. Showalter	Connersville.
Richmond	8	Charles P. Holton	Richmond.
Knightstown	9	E. N. Wilkinson	Knightstown.
Warsaw	10	Frank M. Hetrick	Warsaw.
Greencastle	11	James McD. Hayes.	Greencastle.
La Porte	12	Herman R. Miller	La Porte.
South Bend	13	Henry Speth	South Bend.
Columbus	14	William T. Davis	Columbus.
La Valette	15	Herman Engel	Evansville.
Terra Haute	16	Charles A. Melville	Terra Haute.
Aurora	17	Ralph W. Rees	Aurora.
Muncie	18	Edward W. Bishop	Muncie.
Apollo	19	James B. Kimball	Kendallville.
Vincennes	20	Sheridan H. Isaacs	Vincennes.
Marion	21	Lewis V. Wheeler	Marion.
Madison	22	Almond Daniells	Madison.
Franklin	23	John C. Wood	Franklin.
St. John	24	S. B. Richardson	Logansport.
Crawfordsville	25	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville.
Plymouth	26	Roscoe A. Chase	Plymouth.
Jeffersonville	27	Simeon S. Johnson	Jeffersonville.
Valparaiso	28	Edwin V. Arnold	Valparaiso.
Frankfort	29	Willard H. Morris	Frankfort.
Michigan City	30	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City.
Elkhart	31	Francis A. Muzzy	Elkhart.
Anderson	32	Charles L. Sherman	Anderson.
Washington	33	Charles M. Prentiss	Washington.
Cyrene	34	Chauncey B. Mattoon	Columbia City.
Huntington	35	Frank M. B. Windle	Huntington.
Kokomo	36	Lewis Mehling	Kokomo.
Wabash	37	Oren Oneal	Wabash.

IOWA, 1894,

54 Subordinates, 4,116 Members.

David W. Clements, Grand Commander, West Union.

Alfred Wingate, Grand Recorder, Des Moines.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
De Molay	1	George B. Jackson	Muscatine.
Palestine	2	S. S. Lytle	Iowa City.
Siloam	3	L. G. Bale.	Dubuque.
Temple	4	R. M. J. Coleman	Des Moines.
Damascus	5	G. R. Parsons	Keokuk.
De Payens	6	F. E. Smith	Oskaloosa.
Jerusalem	7	C. V. Arnold	Mt. Pleasant.
Honorius	8	C. E. Hunting	McGregor.
St. Simon Cyrene	9	C. E. Birchard	Davenport.
Holy Cross	10	F. E. Batchelder	Clinton.
Baldwin	11	W. H. Hurd	Cedar Falls.
Beauseant	12	E. Mather	Decorah.
Excalibur	13	E B. Arthur	Boone.
St. Bernard	14	J. B Leicht	Belle Plaine.
St. Omer	15	Cyrus C. Phillips	Burlington.
Trinity	16	J. S. Hall	Monticello.
Ivanhoe	17	G. H. Jackson	Council Bluffs.
Columbian	18	W. A. Heath	Sioux City.
Cœur de Leon	19	D. B. Cotton	Osage.
St. John's	21	Thomas O. Wilson	Centerville.
Oriental	22	F. D. Winn	Newton.
Constantine	23	J. F. McAuley	Osceola.
Calvary	24	R. W. Crawford	Ft. Dodge.
Ascalon	25	A. H. Holt	Waterloo.
Apollo	26	P. W. Gifford	Cedar Rapids,
Patmos	27	W. B. Wells	Marion.
Elchanan	28	W. B. Fleming	Keosauqua.
Bethany	29	H. Newman	Creston.
St. Aldemar	30	J. G. Weatherby	Marshalltown.
Malta	31	W. J. Mollison	Ottumwa.
Kenneth	32	D. S. Deering	Independence.
Nazareth	33	J. M. Pearse	Manchester.
Bruce	34	William Boll	Red Oak.
Emmaus	35	Charles G Cockerill	Jefferson.
Mt. Olivet	36	J. B McQueen	Anamosa.
Cyprus	37	J. G. Mallory	Vinton.
Rose Croix	38	J. L. Comstock	Sac City.
Crusade	39	J. A. Risley	Cherokee.
Tancred	40	S. W. McNabb	Maquoketa.
Triune	41	L. F. Houck	Webster City.
Kedron	42	George E. Pennell.	Atlantic.
Antioch	43	M. S. Schermerhorn	Mason City.
Godfrey	44	H. W. Hanna	Audubon.
Bethlehem	45	William J. Law, Jr.	Washington.
Langridge	47	J. J. Berkley	West Union.

IOWA.—Continued.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
St. Elmo	48	J. L. Hoag	Iowa Falls.
Mt. Zion	49	L. M. Kerr	Harlan.
Immanuel	50	J. H. Stanton	Chariton.
Delta	51	Carl E. Stoeckle	Ft. Madison.
Esdraelon	52	M. G. Wilson	Estherville.
Eudora	53	J. W. Penberthy	New Hampton.
Petros	54	E. E. Blanchard	Rock Rapids.
Joppa	55	D. E. Moore	Charles City.
Gerard	56	B. H. Moore	Perry.
Plymouth	U. D.	E. D. Chassell	Le Mars.

KANSAS, 1894.

42 Subordinates, 3,110 Members.

Alex G. Robb, Grand Commander, McPherson.

A. M. Callaham, Grand Recorder, Topeka.

Leavenworth	1		Leavenworth.
Washington	2	A. C. Trueblood	Atchison.
Hugh de Payens	3	E. W. Hulbert	Fort Scott.
De Molay	4	W. F. March	Lawrence.
Topeka	5	T. P. Rodgers	Topeka.
Askelon	6	Alex. Berg	Galina.
Oswego	7	Phillip S. Frick	Oswego.
Emporia	8	James Smith.	Emporia.
Newton	9	Benj. O. Hagen	Newton.
St. Bernard	10	G. Remmington	Independence.
Tancred	11	J. B. Kessler	Ottawa.
Mt. Olivet	12	A. J. Applegate	Wichita.
Hiawatha	13	Samuel M. Pratt	Hiawatha.
St. Omer	14	William Brueser	Great Bend.
Winfield	15	Benjamin F. Sadil	Winfield.
Apollo	16	Charles W. Depue	Larned.
Cœur de Lion	17	W. H. Martin	Parsons.
Garfield	18	William J. Keyte	McPherson.
El Dorado	19	Frank R. Dodge	El Dorado.
Coronado	20	James R. Meyers	Clay Center.
Ivanhoe	21	George H. Jenkins	Kansas City.
St. Elmo	22	J. B. Hobson	Paola.
Cyrene	23	W. Hoffmeister.	Beloit.
St. John	24	Charles E. Flandro	Wellington.
Abilene	25	H. E. Seeds	Abilene.
Reno	26	James K. Boyles	Hutchinson.
Abd-El-Kader	27	Jacob W. Panlen	Fredonia.
Palestine	28	L. B. Wright	Girard.
Montjoie	29	Albert E. Nau	Pittsburg.

KANSAS.—Continued.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Arkansas City	30	James Benedict	Arkansas City.
Aleppo	31	C. W. Reeder	Hays City.
Council Grove	32	C. L. Kelley	Council Grove.
St. Aldemar	33	E. T. Fairchild	Ellsworth.
Kingman	34	George J. Bush	Kingman.
Dodge City	35	W. H. Chapman	Dodge City.
Horton	36	W. O. Michalls	Horton
Anthony	37	Cassius H. Bell	Anthony.
Columbia	38	John G. Bourne	Goodland.
Olathe	39	F. R. Lanter	Olathe.
Corinthian	40	Frank G. Powell	Marysville
Seneca	41	C. W. Hunt	Seneca.
Concordia	42	John Lamb	Concordia.

KENTUCKY, 1894.

25 Subordinates. 1,869 Members.

James D. Lewis, Grand Commander, Bowling Green.

L. D. Croninger, Grand Recorder, Covington.

Louisville	1	Thomas E. Wilson	Louisville.
Webb	2	John W. Lancaster	Lexington.
Versailles	3	David P. Robb	Versailles.
Frankfort	4	Millard P. Gray	Frankfort.
Montgomery	5	William Van Antwerp	Mt. Sterling.
Moore	6	John B. Galbreath	Hopkinsville.
Covington	7	Henry Bostwick	Covington.
Bradford	9	John Clark	Georgetown.
Maysville	10	Allen H. Thompson	Maysville.
Paducah	11	Thomas B. Leonard	Paducah.
De Molay	12	Philip T. Allin	Louisville.
Newport	13	Henry F. Schrader	Newport.
Henderson	14	Samuel D. Posey	Henderson.
Owensboro	15	Jacob C. Wandling	Owensboro.
Cynthiana	16	Oscar Kennard	Cynthiana.
Ryan	17	Henry G. Sandifer	Danville.
Richmond	19	J. Speed Smith	Richmond.
J. C. Breckenbridge	20	Harry Andrews	Flemingsburg.
Alida	21	Rufus W. Lisanby	De Koven.
Robbins	22	Thomas G. Hall	Falmouth.
Bowling Green	23	James H. Wilkerson	Bowling Green
Russellville	25	James R. Perry	Russellville.
Cœur de Lion	26	William O. Saunders	Paris.
Madisonville	27	John Nick Taliaferro	Madisonville.
Ashland	28	Louis R. Putnam	Ashland.

LOUISIANA, 1894.

3 Subordinates, 293 Members.

Charles F. Buck, Grand Commander, New Orleans.

Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder, New Orleans.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Indivisible Friends	1	S. S. Patten	New Orleans.
Jacques de Molay	2	W. G. James	New Orleans.
Ascension	6	M. L. Scovell	Shreveport.

MAINE, 1894.

19 Subordinates, 2,756 Members.

William J. Landers, Grand Commander, Gardiner.

Stephen Berry, Grand Recorder, Portland.

Maine	1	George N. Johnson	Gardiner.
Portland	2	John S. Russell	Portland.
St. John's	3	John H. Stone	Bangor.
Bradford	4	Melville Woodman	Biddeford.
Dunlap	5	Albert L. Strout	Bath.
Lewiston	6	Fred Kelley	Lewiston.
Trinity	7	James E. Blanchard	Augusta.
St. Albans	8	William N. Howe	Portland.
Claremont	9	C. E. Meservey	Rockland.
De Molay	10	William R. G. Estes	Skowhegan.
St. Bernard	11	Walter F. Bradish	Eastport.
St. Omer	12	George Jewell	Waterville.
Blanquefort	13	Marquis F. King	Portland.
Palestine	14	Charles E. Johnson	Belfast.
Hugh de Payens	15	Stephen D. Morrill	Calais.
De Valois	16	Charles Littlefield	Vinal Haven.
St. Aldemar	17	Charles E. F. Stetson	Houlton.
St. Elmo	18	E. M. Gilpatrick	Machias.
Pilgrim	19	George B. Cragin	Farmington.

MARYLAND, 1893.

8 Subordinates, 956 Members.

James P. Clark, Grand Commander, Baltimore.

John H. Miller, Grand Recorder, Baltimore.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Maryland	1	James Wm. Bowers	Baltimore.
Baltimore	2	Henry O. Reese	Baltimore.
Monumental	3	Richard M. Wallace	Baltimore.
Jacques de Molay	4	Wm. Nash Young	Frederick.
Crusade	5	John W. Marshall	Baltimore.
Antioch	6	Henry Shriver	Cumberland.
Palestine	7	Richard H. Green, Jr	Annapolis.
Beauseant	8	William H. Martin	Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1894.

45 Subordinates, 10,384 Members.

Samuel C. Lawrence, Grand Commander, Medford.

Benjamin W. Rowell, Grand Recorder, 28 School St., Room 28, Boston.

St. John's	1	Isaac H. Southwick, Jr.	Providence, R. I.
Boston	2	Herbert A. Rhodes	Boston.
Newburyport	3	George H. Stevens	Newburyport.
Washington	4	David Stevens	Newport, R. I.
Worcester County	5	William S. Dadmun	Worcester.
Springfield	6	George B. Miller	Springfield.
De Molay	7	Elisha G. Woodward	Boston.
Holy Sepulchre	8	William H. Barclay	Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	James W. B. Shaw	Lowell.
Palestine	10	Charles S. Beatley	Chelsea.
Milford	11	Sullivan C. Sumner	Milford.
St. Bernard	12	Fred E. Jones	Boston.
Calvary	13	Charles S. Pettee	Providence, R. I.
Haverhill	14	H. Parker Williams	Haverhill.
Old Colony	15	Erastus M. Nash	Abington.
Sutton	16	William M. Thorup	New Bedford.
Bethany	17	William H. Russell	Lawrence.
Winslow Lewis	18	William M. Jelly	Salem.
Jerusalem	19	F. D. Page	Fitchburg.
Hugh de Payens	20	Frank E. Orcutt	Melrose.
St. Omer	21	William Morris	South Boston.
Berkshire	22	Harlam H. Ballard	Pittsfield.
Connecticut Valley	23	John D. Bouker	Greenfield.
Woonsocket	24	Byron C. Cook	Woonsocket, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Charles S. Ramsey	Fall River.
Joseph Warren	26	William H. Gerrish	Roxbury.
Narragansett	27	Solomon C. Burdick	Westerly, R. I.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.—Continued.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
William Parkman	28	Edward H. Morse	East Boston.
Bristol	29	Joseph E. Pond	North Attleboro.
Northampton	30	F. R. Mantor	Northampton.
South Shore	31	Charles N. Marsh	East Weymouth.
Trinity	32	George B. Cochrane	Hudson.
Natick	33	Frank N. Bassett	Natick.
Cœur de Lion	34	Joseph W. Linnell	Charlestown.
Gethsemane	35	Asa C. Jewett	Newtonville.
Olivet	36	William B. Phillips	Lynn.
Athol	37	Will S. Hinman	Athol.
Bay State	38	Elmer E. Walker	Brockton.
Cyprus	39	Frank H. Bates	Hyde Park.
St. Paul	40	Jesse A. Twing	North Adams.
Beauseant	41	Arthur W. Hutchins	Malden.
Cambridge	42	John D. C. Harries	Cambridge.
Bethlehem	43	W. Emerson Parsons	Gloucester.
St. George	44	William C. Hill	Beverly.
Orange	45	Frank S. Ewing	Orange.

MICHIGAN, 1894.

43 Subordinates, 5,098 Members.

Charles S. Pomeroy, Grand Commander, Saginaw, E. S.

John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder, Detroit.

Detroit	1	William C. Anderson	Detroit.
Pontiac	2	George W. Dickinson	Pontiac.
Eureka	3	Morris Lamb	Hillsdale.
Adrian	4	Sherman F. Finch	Adrian.
De Molai	5	Harvey C. Taft	Grand Rapids.
Romeo	6	Marvil S. Brabb	Romeo.
Port Huron	7	M. D. Frink	Port Huron.
Peninsular	8	Thomas J. Hewson	Kalamazoo.
Jackson	9	William J. Caldwell	Jackson.
Jacobs	10	David Bovee	Coldwater.
Ionia	11	R. H. Bedford	Ionia.
Niles	12	Fred N. Bonine	Niles.
Ann Arbor	13	J. W. Bennett	Ann Arbor.
Genesee Valley	15	Charles B. Leland	Flint.
St. Bernard	16	William Wallace	Saginaw, E. S.
Marshall	17	Will A. Coles	Marshall.
Columbia	18	Henry S. Church	Sturgis.
Munroe	19	G. B. Diffanbaugh	Munroe.
Corunna	21	Wells W. Parshall	Corunna.
Muskegon	22	William McComb	Muskegon.
Pilgrim	23	Charlie Gay	Big Rapids.
St. John's	24	George H. Stephenson	St. John's.
Lansing	25	George H. Greene	Lansing.

COMMANDERY.	NO.	RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
Bay City	26	Charles B. McCloy	Bay City.
Lexington	27	Watson H. Sheldon	Lexington.
Howell	28	Frank M. Lansing	Howell.
Three Rivers	29	S. A. Greenwood	Three Rivers.
Lake Superior	30	Frank H. Gooding	Marquette.
Apollo	31	James A. Armstrong	Ludington.
Manistee	32	John W. Sibben	Manistee.
Battle Creek	33	John L. Handy	Battle Creek.
Alpena	34	Adam Ludewig	Alpena.
Menominee	35	Fred J. Cronkhite	Menominee.
Ivanhoe	36	Albert F. Ruch	Petoskey.
Charlotte	37	Homer Green	Charlotte.
Montrose	38	Judson P. North	Calumet.
Northville	39	L. A. Babbitt	Northville.
Ithaca	40	J. Lee Potts	Ithaca.
Traverse City	41	W. W. Smith	Traverse City.
Damascus	42	Frank E. Wellington	Detroit.
Hugh McCurdy	43	S. D. Hollister, Jr.	Crystal Falls.
Malta	44	J. Douglas McKellar	Benton Harbor.
Sault Ste Marie	45	John L. Look, E. C.	Sault Ste. Marie.

MINNESOTA, 1894.

25 Subordinates, 2,280 Members.

W. H. S. WRIGHT, Grand Commander, St. Paul.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, St. Paul.

Damascus	1	Edward R. Bryant	St. Paul.
Zion	2	E. J. Forster	Minneapolis.
Cœeur de Lion	3	L. D. Frost	Winona.
Mankato	4	A. C. Barney	Mankato.
Home	5	George B. Doty	Rochester.
Lake City	6	C. A. Hubbard	Lake City.
Darius	7	H. M. Lyon	Minneapolis.
Fairbault	8	C. L. Lowell	Fairbault.
Cyrene	9	J. P. Johnson	Owatonna.
Red Wing	10	G. H. Diepenbrock	Red Wing.
Bayard	11	E. S. Brown	Stillwater.
Apollo	12	J. G. Taylor	Albert Lea.
St. Bernard	13	Parker Goodwin	Austin.
Palestine	14	W. R. Smith	Fergus Falls.
Redwood Falls	15	E. M. Holmes	Redwood Falls.
Ascalon	16	E. M. Westfall	Brainerd.
Melita	17	James Robinson	Litchfield.
Duluth	18	Alfred Le Richeux	Duluth.
Bethel	19	C. B. Burpee	Morris.
Constantine	20	A. C. Cowing	Crookston.
Paladin	21	Charles S. Bunker	St. Paul.

COMMANDERY.	NO.	RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
Luverne	22	E. B. Burley	Luverne.
Minneapolis, Mounted	23	J. L. Smith	Minneapolis.
Nazarene	24	J. F. Low	St. Cloud.
Malta	25	Henry R. Wells, E. C.	Preston.

MISSISSIPPI, 1894.

11 Subordinates, 387 Members.

J. C. FRENCH, M. D., Grand Commander, Natchez.

J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, Jackson.

Mississippi	1	D. P. Porter	Jackson.
Magnolia	2	A. M. Paxton	Vicksburg.
Holly Springs	4	L. B. Mosby	Holly Springs.
Rosalie	5	Charles F. Merrick	Natchez.
St. Cyr	6	J. B. Pate	Water Valley.
De Molay	8	C. W. Mills	Columbus.
Cyrene	9	H. C. Smith	Meridian.
Ivanhoe	10	J. F. Hodges	Okolona.
Cœur de Lion	13	W. B. Fulkerson	Port Gibson.
Delta	16	D. B. Head	Grenville.
Aberdeen	17	Hugh Campbell.	Aberdeen.

MISSOURI, 1894.

58 Subordinates, 4,033 Members.

THOMAS R. MORROW, Grand Commander, Kansas City.

WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, St. Louis.

St. Louis	1	R. H. Caffall	St. Louis.
Weston	2	A. Schneider	Weston.
De Molay	3	P. H. Chambers	Lexington.
St. Joseph	4	Edw. C. Browne	St. Joseph.
Excalibar	5	George F. Reiman	Hannibal.
Liberty	6	Jas. D. Ford	Liberty.
Emmanuel	7	Charles G. Howe	Macon.
Ivanhoe	8	R. M. L. McEwen	St. Louis.
Belt	9	H. Campbell Wells	Platt City.
Kansas City	10	R. E. Bainbridge	Kansas City.
St. Omer	11	James H. Mara	Sedalia.
St. Graal	12	F. E. Norwood	Columbia.
Cyrene	13	J. T. McCune	Bowling Green.
Cœur de Lion	14	C. H. Chamberlain	Brookfield.
O'Sullivan	15	H. K. Kuhn	Nevada.

MISSOURI.—Continued.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Ascalon	16	Fred Williamson	St. Louis.
Palestine	17	S. T. Wilson	Independence.
St. Aldemar	18	W. P. Rickart	St. Louis.
Mary	19	John Le Mar	Warrensburg.
St. John's	20	H. L. Bosworth	Springfield.
Kadosh	21	J. P. Reel	Cameron.
Ely	22	J. O. Gooch	Kirksville.
Crusade	23	Jno. J. Steele	Mexico.
Godfrey de Bouillon	24	W. C. Swayze	Trenton.
Tancred	25	H. H. Brewer.	Moberly.
Bayard	26	George W. Feely	Harrisonville.
Constantine	27	T. E. Bell	Greenfield.
Calvary	28	Jno. P. Gass	Fulton.
Prince of Peace	29	A. P. Grimshaw	Jefferson City.
Gouley	30	C. C. Duke	Butler.
Jasper	31	Thomas Buckbee	Carthage.
Paschal	32	R. Barney	Chillicothe.
Lebanon	33	J. G. Lingsweiler	Lebanon.
Boanerges	34	Caleb Gumm	Clinton.
Oriental	35	James E. Vincil	Kansas City.
Missouri	36	J. W. Barnhill	Marshall.
Star of Bethlehem	37	Thomas W. Furlong	Canton.
Temple	38	J. T. Smith	Fayette.
Ascension	39	Jno. C. Snyder	Joplin.
Maryville	40	Henry Graves	Maryville.
Memphis	41	Thomas H. Wagner	Memphis.
Bethany	42	Charles W. Gillidette	Bethany.
St. Elmo	43	Jas. G. Simpson	Bolivar.
Parsifal	44	E. G. McGee	Paris.
Navarre	45	H. M. Petit	Carrollton.
Mt. Olive	46	J. P. Weddell	Lamar.
Richmond	47	Jno. Hughes	Richmond.
West Plains	48	T. B. Carmical	West Plains.
Bernard de Trem	49	A. P. Oliver	St. Louis.
Baldwin	50	E. V. Kyte	St. Louis.
Hugh de Payens	51	Airling M. Worden	St. Joseph.
St. Bernard	52	Jeff. Swanger	Milan.
Olivet	53	William W. Trigg	Boonville.
Marionville	54	C. E Faulkner	Marionville.
Cape Girardeau	55	W. H. Huters	Cape Girardeau.
De Soto	56	Charles Becker	De Soto.
Neosho	57	Charles C. Woods, E. C.	Neosho.
Monett	58	H. L. Verink, E. C.	Monett.

MONTANA, 1894.

8 Subordinates, 337 Members.

M. C. Riley, Grand Commander, Butte.

Cornelius Hedges, Grand Recorder, Helena.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Virginia City	1	Robert Vickers	Virginia City.
Helena	2	George Booker	Helena.
Montana	3	C. W. Newton	Butte City.
Damascus	4	James W. McKenzie	Glendive.
Aldemar	5	Henry Burton	Billings.
St. Bernard	6	J. C. Vilas	Livingston.
St. Elmo	7	Rupert B. Nuckolls	Dillon.
Black Eagle	8	W. E. Chamberlain	Great Falls.

NEBRASKA, 1894.

23 Subordinates, 1,656 Members.

James A. Tulleys, Grand Commander, Red Cloud.

William R. Bowen, Grand Recorder, Omaha.

Mt. Calvary	1	Eben K. Long	Omaha.
Mt. Olivet	2		Nebraska City.
Mt. Carmel	3	William B. Harman	Auburn.
Mt. Moriah	4	Frank M. Glenn	Lincoln.
Mt. Zion	5	Justus G. Richey	Plattsmouth.
Mt. Lebanon	6	Eli A. Barnes	Grand Island.
Mt. Hermon	7	Bert G. King	Beatrice.
Mt. Sinai	8	Amos E. Gantt	Falls City.
Mt. Tabor	9	Ernest Schurman	Fremont.
Mt. Horeb	10	Charles B. Scott	Tecumseh.
Mt. Nebo	11	Joseph R. Sims	Hastings.
Mt. Hebron	12	William B. Vance	Kearney.
Palestine	13	Wm. H. C. Woodhurst.	North Platte.
Cyrene	14	James A. Tulleys	Red Cloud.
Jordan	15	Berea M. Willsey	Blair.
St. John	16	Edward E. Lowman	McCook.
Joppa	17	George R. Reed	York.
Bethlehem	18	J. M. Fitchpatrick.	Hebron.
Mt. Elias	19	James E. Cooper	Holdrege.
Damascus	20		Norfolk.
Gethsemane	21	Gustavus G. Becher	Columbus.
Melita	22		Chadron.
Mt. Ararat	23	Samuel W. Jackson	St. Paul.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1894.

10 Subordinates, 1,853 Members.

Rev. D. C. Roberts, Grand Commander, Concord.

George P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder, Concord.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Trinity	1	George I. McAllister	Manchester.
De Witt Clinton	2	James L. Parker	Portsmouth.
Mount Horeb	3	John F. Webster	Concord.
North Star	4	Charles E. Allen	Lancaster.
Saint Paul	5	John H. Nealley	Dover.
Sullivan	6	Hiram G. Sherman	Claremont.
Hugh de Payens	7	J. Carlon Read	Keene.
Saint George	8	Ralph A. Arnold	Nashua.
Saint Gerard	9	William M. Silsby	Littleton.
Pilgrim	10	Charles K. Sanborn	Laconia.

NEW JERSEY, 1894.

16 Subordinates, 1,655 Members.

James McCain, Grand Commander, Trenton.

Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder, Trenton.

Hugh de Payens	1	Warren Dobbs	Jersey City.
Helena	3	Charles T. Parker	Burlington.
Palestine	4	Samuel Brackett	Trenton.
Damascus	5	John E. Rowe	Newark.
De Molay	6	M. K. Raub	Washington.
Cyrene	7	Edward Mills	Camden.
Cœur de Lion	8	Josiah Tice	New Brunswick.
St. John's	9	W. H. Meeker	Elizabeth.
Olivet	10	J. S. Simmerman	Millville.
Ivanhoe	11	Fred G. Wiese	Bordentown.
Odo de St. Amand	12	R. W. McEwan	Morristown.
Melita	13	Alonzo Williams	Paterson.
St. Elmo	14	W. H. Wilmot	Lambertville.
Corson	15	Samuel A. Cliver	Asbury Park.
Pilgrim	16	Levi A. Farr	Hoboken.
Trinity	17	T. A. Rogers	Plainfield.

NEW YORK, 1893.

57 Subordinates, 10,018 Members.

John H. Bonnington, Grand Commander, Brooklyn.

Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder, Brooklyn.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Columbian	1	Frederick W. Herring	New York.
Temple	2	Richard T. Lockley	Albany.
Utica	3	George D. Frank	Utica.
Morton	4	William L. Gardner	New York.
Lafayette	7	Almon Snyder	Hudson.
Genesee	10	Van Ness Douglas	Lockport.
Watertown	11	John S. Coon	Watertown.
Munroe	12	George A. Bowman	Rochester.
Clinton	14	James T. Hamilton	Brooklyn.
Apollo	15	William Pettis	Troy.
Salem Town	16	John N. Starner	Auburn.
Jerusalem	17	George Beebe	Penn Yan.
Palestine	18	Charles S. Champlin	New York.
St. Omer's	19	William A. Kingsbury	Elmira.
Lake Erie	20	Albert H. Adams	Buffalo.
Malta	21	W. Wayne Babcock	Binghamton.
De Molay	22	Wm. H. Van Dusen	Hornellsville.
Cœur de Lion	23	George W. Thorn	New York.
St. John's	24	Albert S. Ackerly	Olean.
Central City	25	Edwin Charles Tallcott.	Syracuse.
Little Falls	26	George D. Ferguson	Little Falls.
DeWitt Clinton	27	John H. Braman	Brooklyn.
St. Lawrence	28	Herbert M. Barber	Canton.
Geneva	29	Willam F Humphrey	Geneva.
Hugh de Payens	30	Frank B. Hannis	Buffalo.
Manhattan	31	John Hoole	New York.
Lake Ontario	32	George W. Goble	Oswego.
Washington	33	Frank M. Cozzens	Saratoga Springs.
Batavia	34	Frank M. Jameson	Batavia.
Hudson River	35	Sylv. W. Holdredge	Newburgh.
Ivanhoe	36	Bernard W. Hough	New York.
St. George's	37	Marshall B. McKinley	Schenectady.
St. Augustine	38	Albert W. Force	Ithaca.
Cyrene	39	Thomas R. Peshine	Rochester.
Dunkirk	40	Orville M. Hiller	Dunkirk.
Zenobia	41	Mark C. Finley	Palmyra.
Westchester	42	Thomas Leary	Sing Sing.
Poughkeepsie	43	Wm. Morgan Lee	Poughkeepsie.
Delaware	44	James J. Mills	Port Jervis.
Rome	45	William H. Davies	Rome.
Norwich	46	Christopher R Frink	Norwich.
Yonkers	47	Abraham C. Mott	Yonkers.
Constantine	48	John B. Hill	Harlem.
De Soto	49	Nathan H. Jones	Plattsburgh.
Cortland	50	Edward M Seacord	Cortland.

NEW YORK.—Continued.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Holy Cross	51	Albert W. Gorton	Gloversville.
Rondout	52	Grove Webster	Rondout.
Bethlehem	53	Charles J. Chatfield	Mount Vernon.
Ogdensburg	54	William H. Albery	Ogdensburg.
York	55	Frederick E. Davis.	New York.
Crusader	56	William M. Branch	Brewsters.
St. Elmo	57	William C. Koehler	Brooklyn.
Damascus	58	Thomas B. Lewis	Brooklyn.
Adelphic	59	Philip C. Benjamin	New York.
Franklin	60	William H. Gray	Malone.
Jamestown	61	John B. Shaw	Jamestown.
Salamanca	62	William C. Hirchert	Salamanca.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1894.

12 Subordinates, 339 Members.

Alphonso H. Cobb, Grand Commander, Asheville.

Horace H. Munson, Grand Recorder, Wilmington.

Plantagenet	1	M. C. S. Noble	Wilmington.
Charlotte	2	Jonathan B. Carpenter	Charlotte.
Durham	3	James Southgate	Durham.
Raleigh	4	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
Cyrene	5	David F. Herndon	Asheville.
Piedmont.	6	Samuel H. Smith	Winston.
Mount Lebanon	7	George W. Blount	Wilson.
Ivanhoe	8	Samuel A. Kerr	Greensboro.
St. George	9	Charles J. Austin	Tarboro.
St John	10	Thomas F. McCarthy	Newbern.
De Molai	11	Joseph J. Medford	Oxford.
St. Aldemar	12	John A. Collins	Enfield.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1894.

7 Subordinates, 365 Members.

Joseph Hare, Grand Commander, Bismarck.

Frank J. Thompson, Grand Recorder, Fargo.

Tancred	1	William T. Perkins	Bismarck.
Auvergne	2	C. J. Mahnken	Fargo.
Grand Forks	3	W. H. Topping	Grand Forks.
Wi-ha-ha	4	Hiram A. Blood	Jamestown.
St. Elmo	5	H. Winterer	Valley City.
St. Omer	6	Frank H. Sprague	Grafton.
Cyrene	7	Charles W. Greene	Devil's Lake.

OHIO, 1893.

52 Subordinates, 7,376 Members.

Henry P. McIntosh, Grand Commander, Cleveland.

John Nelson Bell. Grand Recorder, Dayton.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Mt. Vernon	1	Samuel Matthews	Columbus.
Lancaster	2	C. W. Matthews	Lancaster.
Cincinnati	3	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Masillon	4	Samuel C. Bowman	Masillon.
Clinton	5	Samuel H. Peterman	Mt. Vernon.
Reed	6	Henry Theobald	Dayton.
Toledo	7	James D. Knights	Toledo.
Chillicothe	8	John H. Miller	Chillicothe.
De Molay	9	Amos Greenleaf	Tiffin.
Cyrene	10	Joseph B. Larzelere	Zanesville.
Steubenville	11	I. F. Patterson	Steubenville.
Oriental	12	James W. Venning	Cleveland.
Calvary	13	J. H. Johnson	Portsmouth.
Shawnee	14	R. O. Woods	Lima.
Athens	15	C. McLean	Athens.
Hanselmann	16	Frederick W. Shafer	Cincinnati.
Coleman	17	John C. Schaible	Troy.
Norwalk	18	Henry S. Mitchell	Norwalk.
Raper	19	R. C. Horr	Urbana.
St. John's	20	Carl Kaletsky	Youngstown.
Mansfield	21	John L. Dehn	Mansfield.
Miami	22	Thomas Hardy	Lebanon.
Erie	23	William J. Affleck.	Sandusky.
Ohio Valley	24	W. L. Downie	Pomeroy.
Akron	25	O. S. Hart	Akron.
Hope.	26	J. B. Meyer	St. Clairsville.
Cache	27	Frank Dickinson	Conneaut.
Garfield	28	R. Millikan	Washington C. H.
Eagle	29	H. H. Coe	Painesville.
Defiance	30	R. T. Whitaker	Defiance.
Highland	31	Philip H. Work	Hillsboro.
Holyrood	32	J. C. Selby	Cleveland.
Palestine	33	H. M. Sykes	Springfield.
St. Luke's	34	C. F. Sowersby	Newark.
Scioto	35	Stephen L. Grigsby	Circleville.
Marion	36	James A. Knapp	Marion.
Wilmington	37	R. C. Stumm	Wilmington.
Canton	38	George Au	Canton.
Warren	39	Joseph L. Kennedy	Warren.
Forest City	40	V. A. E Dustin	Cleveland.
Hamilton	41	J. C. Slayback	Hamilton.
Salem	42	Thomas J. Walton	Salem.
The Rose	43	John C. Vanden	Gallipolis.
Trinity	44	Ed. C. Harding	Cincinnati.
Ironton	45	R. L. Gray	Ironton.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Sidney	46	James S. Read	Sidney.
Cambridge	47	S. M. Burgess	Cambridge.
Wooster	48	Eli Botsford	Wooster.
Findlay	49	William S. Parker	Findlay.
Marietta	50	A. W. Tompkins	Marietta.
St. Bernard	51	Robert J. Lyle	Urichsville.
Columbian	U. D.	Henry H. Hall	Ashtabula.

OREGON, 1894.

6 Subordinates, 383 Members.

Philip S. Malcom, Grand Commander, Portland.

James F. Robinson, Grand Recorder, Eugene.

Oregon	1	Thomas Gray	Portland.
Ivanhoe	2	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Temple	3	Curt B. Winn	Albany.
Malta	4	E. D. Briggs	Ashland.
De Molay	5	A. S. Brasfield	Salem.
Eastern Oregon	6	Fred. J. Holmes	La Grande.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1894.

71 Subordinates, 10,594 Members.

Irving P. Wanger, Grand Commander, Philadelphia.

Mont. H. Smith, Grand Recorder, Philadelphia.

Pittsburg	1	William T. Reiter	Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia	2	Samuel I. Givin	Philadelphia.
Jacques de Molay	3	James W. McDowell	Washington.
St. John's	4	George W. Kreamer	Philadelphia.
St. Omer's	7	Robert Graham	Brownsville.
St. John's	8	John L. Henry	Carlisle.
De Molay	9	Albert R. Hoover	Reading.
Mountain	10	Timothy Davis	Altoona.
Pilgrim	11	Alex. W. Bergstresser	Harrisburg.
Crusade	12	Christ. F. Knapp	Bloomsburg.
Lancaster	13	Hugh S. Gara	Lancaster.
Palestine	14	Henry B. Wilbur	Carbondale.
Jerusalem	15	Edward Taney Plush	Phœnixville.
Northern	16	James H. Codding	Towanda.
Cœur de Lion	17	Edward L. Buck	Scranton.
Kedron	18	James C. Shields	Greensburg.
Hugh de Payens	19	George S. Siegert	Easton.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Allen	20	Augustus F. Shick	Allentown.
York	21	Thomas Wood	York.
Baldwin II	22	William R. Prior.	Williamsport.
Packer	23	Laird H. Barber.	Mauch Chunk.
Hermit	24	William G. Ward	Lebanon.
Northwestern	25	Norman C. McLaughlin	Meadville.
Lewiston	26	Robert H. Junkin	Lewiston.
Great Bend	27	Thomas Summerton	Great Bend.
Tyagaghton	28	Aaron R. Niles	Wellsboro.
Kadosh	29	A. C. Ireland	Philadelphia.
Mt. Olivet	30	Arthur M. Blinn	Erie.
Ivanhoe	31	I. Y. Sollenberger	Mahanoy City.
Hutchinson	32	Thad. S. Adle	Norristown.
Constans	33	Solymon M. Buck	Bellefonte.
Cyrene	34	A. J. Kauffman	Columbia.
Allegheny	35	G. C. Johnstone	Allegheny City.
Mary	36	Alex. McCune	Philadelphia.
Calvary	37	Alex. J. Frick	Danville.
Rose Croix	38	John S. Bradley	Titusville.
Prince of Peace	39	William A. Phillips	Ashland,
Knapp	40	John M. Schram	Ridgway.
Constantine	41	Henry P. Lauer	Pottsville.
Reading	42	Henry A. Tyson	Reading.
Talbot	43	Henry C. Goldsborough.	Oil City.
Franklin	44	Charles D. Elliott	Franklin.
Dieu Le Veut	45	Elliott R. Morgan	Wilkes Barre.
Hospitaller	46	J. T. Beardsley	Lock Haven.
St. Alban	47	James McGarvey	Philadelphia.
Tancred.	48	D. A. Stevenson	Pittsburgh.
Uniontown	49	Levi S. Gaddis	Uniontown.
Rebecca	50	John Murchie	Sharon.
Clarence.	51	Orlando P. Eaton	Corry.
Corinthian Chasseur	53	Charles Cary	Philadelphia.
Kensington	54	William M. Neisser	Philadelphia.
Centennial.	55	E. P. Dickinson	Coatesville.
Continental	56	Allen C. McGrath	Chambersburg.
Wyoming Valley	57	Thomas Wilbur Kyte	Pittston.
Trinity	58	Charles P. McAllister	Bradford.
Ascalon	59	Robert H. McCreery	Pittsburg.
Temple	60	Bradley W. Lewis	Tunkhannock
Oriental	61	Benjamin F. Speedy	Johnstown.
Lawrence	62	William T. Butz	New Castle.
Warren	63	Robert W. Teese.	Warren.
Canton	64	Charles E. Riggs	Canton.
Huntingdon	65	James R. Patton	Huntingdon.
Chester	66	William H. Call	Chester.
Mt. Calvary	67	John A. Garber	Greenville.
Melita	68	William L. Carr	Scranton.
Potter.	69	Nelson H. Goodsell	Condersport.
Pennsylvania	70	George M. D. Apple	Philadelphia.
Nativity	71	Newton S. Kinzer	Pottstown.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Duquesne	72	William J. Carson	Pittsburgh,
Mount Vernon	73	Charles A. Smith	Hazleton.
Moshannon	74	Christian U. Hoffer	Phillipsburgh.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1894.

10 Subordinates, 755 Members.

William J. McMakin, Grand Commander, Terraville.

W. H. Holt, Grand Recorder, Sioux Falls.

Dakota	1	George V. Ayres	Deadwood.
Cyrene	2	E. S. Knowles	Sioux Falls.
De Molay	3	Walter B. Dean	Yankton.
La-Co-Tah	6	Charles S. Amundson	Huron.
Watertown	7	G. R. Williams	Watertown.
Schrader	9	Marion D Paxson	Rapid City.
Damascus	10	Charles N. Harris	Aberdeen.
St. Bernard	11	Niels J. Nielson	Mitchell.
Ivanhoe	13	William P. Hess	Flandreau.
Brookings	U. D.	William M. Brooke	Brookings.

TENNESSEE, 1894.

15 Subordinates, 1,094 Members.

Charles H. Eastman, Grand Commander, Nashville.

Wilbur F. Foster, Grand Recorder, Nashville.

Nashville	1	Joseph S. Carels	Nashville.
De Molay	3	Frank H. Smith	Columbia.
Memphis	4	Thomas J. Barchus	Memphis.
Baldwin	7	Berry W. Cox	Lebanon.
Clarksville	8	William J. Ely	Clarksville.
Cœur de Lion	9	C. B. Brayton	Knoxville.
Murfreesboro	10	John Bell, Jr	Murfreesboro.
De Payens	11	James H. White	Franklin.
Jackson	13	Henry C. Irby	Jackson.
Lookout	14	John B. Nicklin	Chattanooga.
St. Elmo	15	James S. Mahaffy	Memphis.
Paris	16	Joseph H. Bullock	Paris.
La Valette	17	John H. Polk	Nashville.
Kenton	18	John W. Howell	Kenton.
St. Omer	19	William Gordon Sheen	Bristol.

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TEXAS, 1894.

31 Subordinates, 1,975 Members.

E. J. Fry, Grand Commander, Marshall.

Robert Brewster, Grand Reporter, Houston.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
San Felipe de Austin	1	I. M. Cline	Galveston.
Ruthven	2	R. Brewster	Houston.
Palestine	3	C A. Sterne	Palestine.
Colorado	4	Milton Morris	Austin,
Dallas	6	H. L. McCorkle	Dallas.
San Antonio	7	E. R. Norton	San Antonio.
Ivanhoe	8	W. E. Saunders	Bryan.
Paris	9	F. A. Collins	Paris.
Waco	10	J. N. Gambrell	Waco.
Gonzales	11	H. L. Kokernot	Gonzales.
Cleburne	12	William James	Cleburne.
Indivisible Friends	13	W. R. Brents	Sherman.
Bertrand du Guesclin	14	Harvey C. Talbot	Corsicana.
Brenham	15	Frank Haubert	Brenham.
Gray	16	W. W. Heartsill	Marshall.
Fannin	17	J. L. Browne	Goliad.
El Paso	18	Archibald McAfee	El Paso.
Worth	19	W. H. Feild	Fort Worth.
De Molay	20	Mark S. Andrews	Greenville.
Albany	21	D. G. Simpson	Albany.
Brownwood	22	W. W. Sammons	Brownwood.
Belton	23	T. W. Cochran	Belton.
Denison	24	T. E. Reardon	Denison.
Ascension	25	A. T. Reese	Tyler.
McCoy	26	L. H. Avinger	Sulphur Springs.
Abilene	27	O. W. Steffens	Abilene.
Ballinger	28	J. J. Erwin	Ballinger.
Trinity	29	T. B. Walker	Trinity.
Melita	30	Jesse T. Atchison	Gainesville.
Big Springs	31	W. G. Tennyson	Big Springs.
Malta	U. D.	D. H. Randolph, E. C.	Laredo.

VERMONT, 1894.

10 Subordinates, 1,323 Members.

Marsh O. Perkins, Grand Commander, Windsor.

Warren G. Reynolds, Grand Recorder, Burlington.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Mt. Calvary	1	Will. H. Brewster	Middlebury.
Burlington	2	Joseph L. Hills	Burlington.
Lafayette	3	C. L. Pierce	St. Albans.
Vermont	4	Marsh O. Perkins	Windsor.
Palestine	5	Delos M. Bacon	St. Johnsbury.
Killington	6	C. Clark	Rutland.
Beauseant	7	Albert J. Pullen	Brattleboro.
Taft	8	H. L. Stillson	Bennington.
Mt. Zion	9	Charles H. Heaton	Montpelier.
Malta	10	Homer Thrasher	Newport.

VIRGINIA, 1893.

21 Subordinates, 1,251 Members.

E. E. Downham, Grand Commander, Alexandria.

William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, Richmond.

Fredericksburg	1	W. H. Russell	Fredericksburg.
Richmond	2	S. McG. Fisher	Richmond.
Charlottesville	3		Charlottesville.
De Molay	4	James Franklin, Jr	Lynchburg.
Portsmouth	5	John W. Rutter	Portsmouth
Appomattox	6	John E. Townes	Petersburg
Dove	7	A. T. Burr, Jr.	Danville.
Stevenson	8	A. A. Eskridge	Staunton.
W. H. H. Lynn	9	J. M. Luther	Marion.
Harrisonburg	10	John P. Burke	Harrisonburg.
Old Dominion	11	K. Kemper	Alexandria.
Winchester	12		Winchester.
St. Andrew	13	George C. Jefferson	Richmond.
Johnson	14	John P. Steffner	Bristol.
Bayard	15	J. E. Reichardt	Roanoke.
Grice	16	Samuel P. Moore	Norfolk.
Hampton	17	J. B. H. Goff	Hampton.
Olivet	18	J. P. Bingley	Crewe.
Luray	19	J. C. Weaver	Luray.
Clinch Valley	20	W. G. Young	Tazewell C. H.
Isaacs	U. D.	S. T. Sampson, E. C.	Radford.

WASHINGTON 1893.

8 Subordinates, 509 Members.

Eugene T. Wilson, Grand Commander, Ellensburg.

Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Recorder, Walla Walla.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Washington	1	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla.
Seattle	2	J. H. Kunzie	Seattle.
Cataract	3	H. G. Stimmell	Spokane.
Ivanhoe	4	David B. Sheller	Tacoma.
Temple	5	Thomas B. Wright	Ellensburg.
De Molai	6	J. S. Gunn	Aberdeen.
Olympia	7	A. B. Cowles	Olympia.
Hesperus	8	Joseph B. Dawson	Fairhaven.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1894.

10 Subordinates, 726 Members.

W. W. Van Winkle, Grand Commander, Parkersburg.

R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder, Fairmont.

Wheeling	1	Joseph Hall	Wheeling.
Palestine	2	George W. Feidt	Martinsburg.
Calvary	3	Edward F. Lathrop	Parkersburg.
Kanawha	4	J. Talman Waters	Charleston.
Potomac	5	C. F. Gallaher	Charles Town.
Crusade	6	Frank E. Nichols	Fairmont.
Cyrene	7	W. H. Grabe	Wheeling.
St. John's	8	Er Ralston	Weston.
Huntington	9	J. C. Dickey	Huntington.
Ivanhoe	10	J. S. Follansbee	Bramwell.

WISCONSIN, 1894.

26 Subordinates, 2,724 Members.

Eugene S. Elliott, Grand Commander, Milwaukee.

John W. Laflin, Grand Recorder, Milwaukee.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
Wisconsin	1	William J. Holbrook	Milwaukee.
Janesville	2	C. E. Ranous	Janesville.
Robert Macoy	3	William H. Hughes	Madison.
Fort Winnebago	4	W. H. C. Abell	Portage.
Fond du Lac	5	F. A. Bartlett	Fond du Lac.
Beloit	6	J. R. Booth	Beloit.
Racine	7	A. T. Clark	Racine.
Chippewa	8	Marshall Cousins	Chippewa.
La Crosse	9	Fred. Ring	La Crosse.
Berlin	10	Albert C. Mertz	Berlin.
Oshkosh	11	W. H. Ford	Oshkosh.
Mineral Point	12	H. H. Wright	Mineral Point.
St. Croix	14	Edward S. Graves	St. Croix.
De Molai	15	H. S. Hurlbut	Boscobel.
Sparta	16	H. Enckhausen	Sparta.
Crusade	17	Amos G. Hamacker	Stevens Point.
Olivet	18	Paul Valerius	Watertown.
St. Omer	19	W. B. Scholfield	Wausau.
Palestine	20	James H. Leonard	Green Bay.
Saint John	21	J. H. Hosler	Reedsburg.
Ashland	22	George W. Marshall	Ashland.
Waukesha	23	E. J. Evans	Waukesha.
Ivanhoe	24	James H. Barber	Milwaukee.
Superior	25	D. S. Culver	West Superior.
Marinette	26	Walter B. Stanton	Marinette.
Tancred	27	Lyell T. Mead, E. C.	Chippewa Falls.

WYOMING, 1894.

5 Subordinates, 221 Members.

William Daley, Grand Commander, Rawlins.

John C. Baird, Grand Recorder, Cheyenne.

Wyoming	1	Daniel W. Gill	Cheyenne.
Ivanhoe	2	Edwin T. Burke	Rawlins.
Immanuel	3	James E. Gates	Laramie.
Albert Pike	4	John K. Graff	Evanston.
Ascalon	5	William Maul	Green River.

COMMANDERIES UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

DELAWARE.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
St. John's	1	James H. Price	Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington	1	Charles Shelsé	Washington.
Columbia	2	Dr. William Pittis	Washington.
Potomac	3	Frederick W. Storch	Georgetown.
De Molay	4	L. G. Stephens	Washington.

FLORIDA.

Cœur de Lion	1	C. McK. Senting, E. C.	Pensacola.
Damascus	2	Thomas B. Davis	Jacksonville.
Baron	3	George H. Curry	Key West.
Olivet	4	John N. Bradshaw	Orlando.
Palatka	5	George E. Metcalfe	Palatka.

IDAHO.

Idaho	1	Theophilus W. Randall.	Boise City.
Lewiston	2	Frank W. Kettenbach	Lewiston.
Moscow	3	John Moore	Moscow.
Gate City	4	J. M. Masonheimer	Pocatello.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Muskogee	1	Robert W. Hill, E. C.	Muskogee.
Poucell	U. D.	Jas. E. Humphrey, E. C.	Poucell.
McAllister	U. D.	E. H. Doyle, E. C.	McAllister.

MEXICO.

Popocatepell	1	Richard E. Chesire	City of Mexico.

NEVADA.

Commandery.	No.	Recorder.	Address.
DeWitt Clinton	1	J. B. Shaw	Virginia.
Eureka	2	J. H. Hoegh	Eureka.

NEW MEXICO.

Santa Fé	1	George W. Knasbel	Santa Fé.
Las Vegas	2	Charles Tamme	Las Vegas.
Pilgrim	3	Joseph H. Kuhns	Albuquerque.
McGrorty	4	Louis Altman	Deming.
Aztec	5	F. D. Hunt	Raton.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

Guthrie	1	C. M. Barnes; E. C.	Guthrie.
Oklahoma	2	Frank Harrah	Oklahoma.
Ascension	3	J. J. O'Rourk	El Reno.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Honolulu	1	H. H. Williams	Honolulu.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston	1	A. E. Gough	Charleston.
Columbia	2	W. W. Adams	Columbia.
Spartansburg	3	W. A. Law	Spartansburg.

UTAH.

Utah	1	L. B. Smith	Salt Lake.
El Monte	2	W. T. Beardsley	Ogden.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE, 1894.

To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Report herewith presented has been prepared on the same general plan which has been followed heretofore. By an arrangement mutually satisfactory to the two members of the Committee, the work of review has been divided, each writer being left free to exercise his own judgment as to selections taken from the proceedings examined and comments thereon, and also at liberty to declare his own opinions upon any and all matters of Templar interest. The initial of the reviewer, placed at the close of each jurisdiction hereinafter noted, will indicate the individual work and responsibility of the Committee.

It may properly be stated in this connection that the writers of this paper have had no opportunity to compare notes, to consider what subjects should be emphasized in their respective reviews, or to decide upon any one course of procedure in the discussion of the topics brought to their attention by the different publications read and examined; but while some divergence of method and of views may be noted, it is believed that the present Report will show a substantial unity of sentiment on the part of its authors, respecting the most important matters brought under consideration. Most certainly the writers of the following pages are in close sympathy respecting the principles and purposes of Templary, and their attachment to the Order has grown with many years' experience within its lines.

In reading the reports and proceedings placed in our hands for the purposes of this review, we note the skill and ability with which these papers have been prepared. The published proceedings of Grand Commanderies in the different jurisdictions are for the most part creditable productions. They are well printed pamphlets or volumes, containing valuable information arranged in such a manner as to enhance its worth, and frequently they are made additionally attractive by portraits or other embellishments. It has been a pleasant task to turn the pages of these annual publications having so inviting an appearance, with contents that do not disappoint the expectant thought.

The reports on Correspondence, now generally included in such Proceedings, evince ability, research, and Templar zeal on the part of the various writers. Reports such as these afford a rich ministry of instruction and edification. They deal with matters of immediate interest as connected with the movements of Grand and Subordinate Templar Bodies, and they likewise find place for a treatment of important questions pertaining to Masonic and Templar law. Beyond this they have value in enforcing the sublime lessons of the Templar system and making more apparent its grand purposes of practical and chivalric usefulness. Our brother Correspondents have done excellent work in the preparation of the reports now in hand; and, although their papers may not be read as extensively as could be desired, we may not doubt that they will contribute some increase of light and truth within the lines of our communion—at least that they will interpose some barriers against tendencies which threaten to detract from the intellectual and moral glory of our cherished institution.

Our present work is entered upon at a time when the prosperity of the Templar Order affords a special cause of encouragement. We write in the spirit of hope and confidence. Harmony and good feeling prevail throughout all the jurisdictions. From every part of the country comes one and the same announcement, that, notwithstanding financial stringency, the year covered by this review has been one of unparalled advance for the Order of Knights Templars. The Order has a greater strength in numbers and resources than ever before. Its benign character is more generally acknowledged; it has less of opposition to encounter; its influence and its usefulness are alike enhanced. Recognizing these auspicious conditions we apply ourselves with glad and grateful thought, to the preparation of this Report.

ALABAMA, 1893.

The thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Alabama, held in the city of Gadsden, May 10, 1893, was attended by representatives of the nine constituted Commanderies in the jurisdiction, permanent members and visiting Sir Knights.

Grand Commander John A. McKinnon, in his annual address, named three duties devolving upon the assembled members—as follows:

> First, to return hearty thanks to the Great Creator for the many blessings enjoyed by us since last we met; to ask His guidance in our deliberations, that what we do may be for His glory and our eternal happiness.
>
> Second, to extend a Templar's hand in warm greeting to each other, expressive of a feeling of unalloyed affection for each and every one here, cherishing for each other that eternal interest that shall strengthen us all through the varied scenes of life.
>
> Third, to legislate for the good of Templarism in our State, keeping in view that philanthropic principle, "He can best serve who can best agree."

The address was somewhat long, occupying nineteen pages in print, but it was comprehensive in its range of subjects and interesting in the manner of their treatment. The Grand Commander expressed an opinion favorable to the system of appointing Grand Representatives triennially, thus providing a "stimulus to young men, ambitious of recognition and promotion." If the Representation system has practical worth, or is intended to be of any actual service, it would seem that frequent changes of Representatives were undesirable. Some of the elders—men of experience and well approved wisdom—might be expected to fill the offices in such cases, although of course the young and ambitious Sir Knights should have a due measure of recognition. If, however, the position of Grand Representative is only an honorary designation, as many as possible should share in the distinction thus conferred.

An address entitled "Masonic Templary as a Moral Educator," was delivered during the conclave by Sir Russell M. Cunningham. The address, printed in full in the proceedings, contains many excellent thoughts. Its conclusion is as follows:

> A character formed in accordance with the standard of the Christian faith will stand the test of time and will endure throughout eternity. It is strange that any one professing Christianity should oppose Masonry or Templary. If they are familiar with their history and ritual and principles, then it is because they find in them some great principle that is inimical to their own selfishness and interest. Rational liberty, unwearied zeal in the cause of humanity, and universal benevolence, are characterics that find no lodgment in the hearts of those who would establish governments of State and Church for their own glory and power; who would override the cause of humanity for their own selfish purposes; and who would be benevolent only for the temporal good and power that would follow. Truth, eternal truth, teaches man's duty, "to do unto others as we would have them do unto us," esteem God as the benefactor of all, and to worship Him with admiration, fear and love, and to take Christ as His greatest gift to man. A character with such truth for its basis guarantees to every man what he should be, a perfect gentleman. Such, in the language of Past Grand Master Gobin, is the object of American Knight Templarism. Then, Sir Knights, let us in no relation of life derogate from the character we have assumed of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, thereby maintaining the universal esteem and confidence of our neighbors.

Sir George F. Moore presents an instructive and readable report on Correspondence. He takes conservative views respecting the objects and purposes of the Order of Knights Templars, and he suggests that the things of lesser worth in Freemasonry and Templary are sometimes put in place of those of the first importance. He says:

> It is our firm conviction, however, that just in the proportion as the Mason or Templar studies and tries to follow the teachings and principles of his Order, will he lose interest in the show, parade, fuss and feathers and Masonic buttons, caps, jewels and other trappings with which some estimable brethren delight to ornament themselves.

He gives praise to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and

Rhode Island and declares his satisfaction that Boston was named as the place of holding the next Triennial. He acknowledges a former prejudice, now happily overcome, as follows:

> When we were younger we had a strong prejudice against "Bosting," but knowing the strong affection for the place which she, who is our better half, entertained towards the town, we visited it, and on our return we "surrendered," and like all converts now regard Boston as *the* city of our great country, and are glad the Grand Encampment will meet there in 1895.

Sir Knight Moore is a total abstainer; he urges the taking of a well defined position against the use of intoxicants and avoiding, so far as possible, the putting of temptation in a brother's way. On this point, under the heading, Wisconsin, he remarks:

> We are not believers in namby-pambyism of any kind, and though we never in our life had anything intoxicating to pass our lips except in the 5th and the sacramental wine, and do not believe in prohibition, yet we do believe that a *Christian* Order ought to be very careful how they put before others any temptation. It is said we do not want such weak men as Templars! See the struggles of some earnest man to free himself from the desire of drinking, and remember the proverb, ye sinless, strong souls: "It is easy to keep the castle that was never beseiged," and have a care for your Brother, whose keeper you *are* in many respects.

The membership of the nine Commanderies as reported in 1893, was 357, showing a slight increase.

Sir Charles Wheelock, Birmingham, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Edmund R. Hastings, Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Sir Geo. F. Moore was again designated as a Committee on Correspondence. R.

ALABAMA, 1894.

Last year we had no proceedings from this jurisdiction for desired review; now we have a double portion.

The thirty-fourth annual conclave was held at Birmingham, May 9, 1894. It was opened in ample form after addresses of welcome had been delivered by a representative of the civic authorities and the Eminent Commander of the local Templar organization.

The address of Grand Commander Wheelock dealt chiefly with matters of local interest. It contained a touching reference to Sir Joseph H. Johnson, Past Grand Commander of Alabama. "As a friend he was loyal and true, as a citizen and a Mason he was preëminent; he won success because he derserved it."

Grand Recorder Hastings submitted a tabular statement showing the generally good condition of the ten Subordinate Commanderies. Some of these bodies had added to their membership during the year included in the report. Dues had been collected from all the Commanderies.

An appendix to the proceedings contains an address delivered before the Grand Conclave by Sir Owen P. Fitzsimmons, from which we should be glad, did space permit, to take a number of excerpts. We find room for the following :

> We should be recreant to the sentiment of this occasion did we not notice some of the dangers which encompass Templar life. The baleful tendency to make Templarism subserve to political and private ends, cannot escape notice. Instead of being ready to cover our brother with the arch of steel, too often the sword is pointed at the bosom of the unfortunate. The cause of this perversion of sentiment is due to the carelessness with which the portals of our Asylums are guarded. Templarism is Masonic aristocracy ; not the aristocracy of succession, but the aristocracy of merit. An outraged Order cries out against the custom of admitting men to membership whose only qualification seems to be ability to pay and willingness to strut.

Sir George F. Moore furnishes another excellent report. He chooses his own method of procedure, makes but few extracts, and sets forth in his own way of agreeable expression the matters which he deems most worthy of consideration by the Templar constituence he addresses. Whatever may be criticised in the form and structure of Sir Knight Morris's reports, there can be no question of the fact that they make "good reading."

On the question of the interchange of Grand Representatives, Bro. Moore expresses an opinion adverse to the whole system. He sees no good in it. He says: "What a roaring farce is this system of Grand Representatives!" He takes ground against the new ritual in the Order of the Red Cross. He says: "The more we see of it, the less we like it." He does not specify his objections. The rituals adopted at Denver do not seem to the present writer altogether perfect. There are "spots upon your feasts of Charity!" There are faults and blemishes in the authorized rituals, but the changes made from the old forms, the transpositions of sentences and clauses, the emendations and additions, seem for the most part to be improvements. We trust the present rituals will require no extensive overhauling for at least a decade of years.

Sir Knight Moore pays a tender tribute to the Knightly dead, followed by words of sober truth and earnest exhortation. We quote his conclusion :

> We "know not how soon our names may be stricken from the roll" of mundane existence, but we know that in our Very Self is immortality which was brought to light by Him upon whose life and teachings the Order of the Temple is founded. Our Order is prosperous and flourishing, it grows more numerous each day, but its power and influence in the elevation of the race in the future will depend upon its steady and fixed adherence to those principles of Eternal Truth upon which it is based, rather than upon gaudy pageantry with its adjuncts of banquets and feasts. This is the trend of thought among those who lead the Templar Hosts, and to the accomplishment of this aim, all our efforts should be devoted.

Grand Commander, Sir Charles Wheelock, Birmingham ; Grand Recorder, Sir Edmund R. Hastings, Montgomery ; Committee on Correspondence, Sir Geo. F. Moore, Montgomery.

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ARIZONA, 1893.

The Grand Commandery of Arizona was organized in due and regular form in the city of Phœnix, on Tuesday, November 14, 1893, under authority given by M. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The Convention thus authorized was composed of representatives from three chartered Commanderies stationed within the Territory of Arizona. Sir Knight Alexander G. Oliver, Past Em. Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 2, presided over the Convention. A constitution was adopted and also governing rules applicable to the Grand Body and to the Subordinate Commandery. One excellent regulation makes requirement as follows :

> That any Sir Knight hereafter elected to the office of Eminent Commander, shall not be inducted into office unless he shall have obtained from the inspecting officer of his district a certrficate of his proficiency in the ritual, manual of the sword, and the work upon the floor of the asylum in the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Convention elected Grand Officers, having organized a Grand Commandery in accordance with the prescribed forms, and then dissolved.

The first annual session of the new Grand Commandery was held in Phœnix, Nov. 16, 1893. The record of proceedings at that first conclave contains an important statememt as follows :

> The Deputy Grand Commander and the other elected and appointed Grand Officers, having together taken the vow of office, were severally presented, installed and inducted into their respective official positions in due form. The Grand Commander elect was then presented to the Deputy Grand Commander, and having taken the vow of office, was duly installed and inducted into his station, and the Grand Commandery of Arizona was declared to be duly constituted in accordance with the Constitution and Digest of Law of the Grand Encampment, and its officers to be duly elected and installed.

Committees were appointed—one upon Correspondence, of which Sir Henry B. Lighthizer is chairman—and such business as was presented received due consideration.

Thus is added another star to the Templar firmament. The oldest Grand Commandery, by its Committee on Correspondence, extends a cordial greeting to the youngest Grand Commandery, and trusts that the newly formed Templar organization may be blessed with an abundant prosperity.

Grand Commander, Sir Geo. J. Roskruge, Tucson ; Grand Recorder, Sir Douglas Snyder, Tucson. R.

ARKANSAS, 1894.

The Grand Commandery of Arkansas held its twenty-second annual conclave at Little Rock, April 17 and 18, 1894. Sir Samuel W. Williams, Grand Commander, presided. He delivered a brief address setting forth his official doings. He made the following reference to the new ritual :

> We have been in some confusion for several years, caused by the knowledge that changes in the ritual were contemplated, and for the last two years were brought nearly to a standstill, knowing that it was in process of preparation, and being in ignorance of what it would be; we may congratulate ourselves that we can now go forward, "and be no longer hindered and delayed," etc. While, in my judgment, it is no improvement upon the old French ritual, which Sir Albert Pike brought here in 1854, and under which I was Knighted, near forty years ago, yet, this new ritual is good, and I hope will be allowed to remain unchanged. If we are ever to have uniformity of work, it must come by settling our ritual forever, learning it thoroughly and sticking to it.

"Uniformity of work " is a pleasing phrase ; it represents an ideal condition toward which the Templar organization should continually advance ; but, as much in the ceremonies is still left optional with Grand Commanderies which permit their Subordinates to elect one or another form of procedure in things not regarded as belonging to the essentials, it can hardly be expected that there will be no deviation in the forms and words of the work. But Grand Commander Williams speaks a timely word when he exhorts Sir Knights to learn the new ritual thoroughly and then stick to it.

According to the report of Grand Recorder, Sir James A. Henry, Arkansas has eleven active Commanderies in its jurisdiction, having 497 members. Only one of these bodies has a hundred members—several of the Commanderies have less than thirty members each. There was a net gain of twenty-nine members for the year ending April 1, 1894.

The printed proceedings contain a well written report on Correspondence prepared by Sir Frederick J. H. Rickon. He reviews thirty-seven jurisdictions in a pleasant and instructive manner. In his notice of the work of preparation for the Triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment in Boston next year, after having given the names of the committee, he says;

> With such a committee the success of the conclave must be assured, and while the undertaking will, indeed, be stupendous, we will predict that it will not be the fault of the committee if everything does not move to perfection.

Thanks for the confidence expressed. The committee, and the Sir Knights they represent, will do their best to make the approaching Triennial a notable occasion. Their hearts and their hands will proffer a cordial welcome to brethren and Sir Knights in attendance. It is pleasant to announce in this connection that by engagements of quarters already made the success of the Triennial in the matter of numbers is already assured.

Correspondent Rickon intimates his intention of visiting the hub, "toward which, as the spokes of a wheel, all the Templars of the country will converge," in August next; and he kindly expresses his wish that he may make the personal acquaintance of the present writer. The wish is cordially reciprocated.

Most of the opinions expressed by Sir Knight Rickon seem to be sensible and worthy of consideration. He holds to selecting able men for important offices, weeding out the "incapables" who sometimes get into line and are pushed to the front. Under the heading of Wyoming, replying to a suggestion as to the incentive of promotion, he says:

> How much better it would be if all Commanderies would follow out this plan, and only put men in office who are fitted for the positions or who will learn their work, instead of carrying out the so-called "line of promotion," simply because a man gets into the line because he is a "good fellow," or something of that kind. For there is nothing that will sooner cause interest to flag than seeing the work negligently and carelessly conferred by incompetent officers, who frequently only hold their positions because they happened to get into the "line of promotion."

All of which is indisputably the truth. Even in Grand Masonic and Templar bodies men are sometimes elected to the highest office simply because they managed to get into line when there was no contest for the minor place, and no exercise of careful scrutiny, and thenceforth they were pushed along the ascending way to a position for which they lacked fitness. It was not easy to stop them after they were put in line. They were very patient, never seeking to crowd the man in advance; but they could not easily be switched off, and at last they reached the goal of their ambition, thanks to the unwritten law of promotion which is all so powerful in many cases. Perhaps they were out of place, and realized the fact, when they were called upon to represent officially an important organization and administer its affairs; but they had gone to the head and the rule of regular succession in office had not been broken. Perhaps the organization might have become somewhat discredited, or its usefulness impaired, by observing the rule, nevertheless the steps had all been regularly taken and no man was deprived of the reward he expected when he accepted the lowest office in the line of promotion. Usually, of course, promotions are in order and should be made; but not infrequently the good of an organization would be served by refusing promotion to brethren who have filled official positions, and in calling even to advanced places those who have held no office.

Grand Commander, Sir William M. Melette, Fort Smith; Grand Recorder, Sir James A. Henry, Little Rock; Committee on Correspondence, Sir Frederick I. H. Rickon, Little Rock. R.

CALIFORNIA, 1894.

It is a pleasant task to turn the pages of the attractive volume of proceedings, containing a well arranged summary of the doings of the Grand Commandery of California, at its thirty-sixth annual conclave, held in San Francisco, April 19, 1894, together with reports, statistical exhibits, etc., which greatly enhance the value of the publication. Nearly three hundred closely printed pages are required thus to set forth the information which relates to the work and progress of the Templar Institution during the last year. This latest issue of proceedings, every way creditable to the jurisdiction it represents, attests the skill and good judgment of Sir Thomas H. Caswell, Grand Recorder, who naturally had the most to do with the preparation and arrangement of its material. A copious index is one of the merits of the volume in hand.

The annual conclave of 1894 was numerously attended. Thirty-one of the thirty-four Commanderies in the jurisdiction were represented. The opening ceremonies were of an impressive character, including music by a choir and devotional exercises by the Grand Prelate. It is well that formal exercises should attend the opening of a session of Grand Commandery, in which Scripture readings, prayers, and the rendering of appropriate musical selections should certainly find place.

Sir William Vanderhurst, Grand Commander, presided. In his annual address, referring to the new ritual, he expressed his judgment as follows:

> In my several visitations I have made it a prominent feature to inquire of the officers and members as to their opinion of our present ritual. I am pleased to say that it gives unqualified satisfaction to the several Commanderies, their only objections being the great delay experienced in receiving it, and the difficulty that existed in unlearning the old and learning the new. I have assured the officers that in acquiring the new ritual they have something permanent, something that will not be changed next month nor next year.

He announced the generally good condition of the Order in California. Harmony and good will prevail throughout the jurisdiction. "There have been no controversies or differences to settle, but all are imbued with that fraternal fellowship and earnest devotion to Templar principles which ensures the steady growth and prosperity of our Order." The financial stringency of the past year has prevented the formation of any new Commandery, and retarded the numerical growth of the organization. Evidently the Grand Commander had applied himself diligently to the discharge of the duties of his office and had sought in every way possible to maintain the good reputation of the Templar Order. His address and his official acts were commended by the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, and approved by the Grand Commandery.

Grand Recorder Caswell reports the number of affiliated Knights in California, according to returns made for the year ending February 1, 1894, to be 2,819, a net increase of 34 for the year. It is with surprise and pain that the present writer notes one announcement made by the Grand Recorder, viz.:

> In his annual report last year the undersigned called attention to the probable inability of the "Masonic Temple Association" to carry to a successful conclusion its proposed erection of a new Masonic Temple in this city. That inability is now acknowledged; and the Association is in process of disincorporation. This Grand Commandery with all shareholders who paid the three assessments levied, will realize from sixty to seventy per cent. on the total amount paid—perhaps more, but cannot be less. The failure of the enterprise is greatly to be regretted; for a structure similar in character and dimensions will ere long become a recognized necessity.

Some things are learned by experience. Probably the Craftsmen and Templars of San Francisco have now gained wisdom in the matter of plans and methods, as connected with the proposed enterprise, which will be of service to them when another movement of like character is proposed. Doubtless before many years have passed away a new Masonic Temple in San Francisco will be provided.

The Report on Correspondence by Sir William A. Davies, Chairman of Committee, includes a review of all the Templar bodies of the American jurisdiction, together with the Grand Priories of Canada, and of England and Wales. It is a sensible paper, containing numerous selections from the proceedings examined, with comments thereon, and a kindly expression of opinion on various important topics considered. It contains much practical and timely thought bearing upon the needs and opportunities of Templary, and it does not lack the touches of sentiment which accord so well with the character of Christian knighthood and the work of an intelligent Correspondent.

Sir Knight Davies does not approve the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. On this subject he makes expression as follows:

> We, of California, while loyal to the authority of the Grand Encampment, fraternally dissent to the decision declaring that there is no limit to

> the jurisdiction of a Commandery over rejected material, or, in other words, we cannot approve the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction.
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> Perpetual jurisdiction antagonizes our entire system from Grand Lodge to Grand Commandery.
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> We hold that in all matters Masonic, the Grand Lodge is the supreme authority in its acknowledged jurisdiction, and that it has the right to determine and declare the pre-requisites of applicants for its mysteries. The Grand Lodge of California exercises that right when it declares that a man of good report, who has been a resident of the State one year, and who has not within twelve months past been rejected by any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, is lawful material. So the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, each in its respective sphere, exercises the same right, and declares that having acquired the necessary residence required by the organic law of each, the applicant must be a Master Mason in good standing, and a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, to be entitled to the right of petition for advancement to the Orders of Knighthood, his status being always fixed and under control of the Grand Lodge.
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> It follows that a Royal Arch Mason in good standing coming from another jurisdiction, having gained the required residence, is entitled to apply for the Orders in this jurisdiction, notwithstanding he may have been rejected in another before his removal to California, Such is our law; we think it founded in equity, and that the Grand Encampment will, after a full and exhaustive consideration, so determine.

The equities involved do not seem to require a maintenance of the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. The old rule in this matter should be made more liberal in all Masonic bodies. In the Templar Order, however, there is special justification for following the course approved by Bro. Davies; for while good standing as a Master Mason is held to be an essential, there would seem to be no liability to harm in allowing a Commandery, under certain prescribed conditions, to pass upon applicants once rejected in some Commandery of another jurisdiction. The fact of the rejection, however long ago it occurred, should be stated in the petition. Naturally it will have weight and require explanation; but it should not absolutely bar the way, except as the consent of the body having original jurisdiction is given. "Life is too short and human nature too imperfect for perpetual jurisdiction."

In reviewing the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Frater Davies finds much to commend. It is gratifying to note his announcement that he expects to attend the Triennial next year, on which occasion he may be assured of a hearty greeting from Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and especially from the present writer, who appreciates the personal reference to himself. In this connection reply may well be made to a question asked by our California correspondent, who, commenting upon our expression of surprise, in last year's report, caused by the refusal of a Grand Commander to allow a Commandery to attend a funeral in citizen's dress, says:

> But why get permission to go anywhere in citizen's dress, Sir Rugg? Verily shall we have to get permission to eat beans in Boston?

The point intended was to this effect: that permission being asked, it should not have been refused. But as regards the other question: It will not require the permission of civic rules or Templar authorities to eat beans in Boston on the occasion of the Triennial next August. Full liberty will be granted in this respect, according to the old Latin legend: *Inter arma silent leges.*

California will send a numerous and able delegation to the next Triennial, included among whom will be that popular Past Grand Commander of the jurisdiction, Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, now holding the important office of Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The following action by the Grand Commandery indicates that the preparations are already well in hand:

> On motion of Sir Charles Fayette Lott, it was ordered that a special committee of five be appointed to make suitable arrangements for attendance upon the Triennial Conclave, to be holden in the city of Boston, in August, 1895. The Grand Commander named the following Sir Knights as constituting such committee: Sirs Frank William Sumner, Edward Spalding Lippitt, William Abraham Davies, Hiram Throop Graves, Jacob Hart Neff.

Frater Davies, in the closing words of his excellent report expresses a feeling which is no doubt shared by all writers of Correspondence. He says:

> The great regret, however, always experienced by one engaged in this work is the fact that so few comparatively of the grand army of Templars

> ever enjoy the opportunity of an unrestricted examination and study of the legislation of our important Grand Bodies, embracing, as they do, the opinions of eminent men distinguished in law and literature, and in matters of opinion on the Masonic Code, regarded as "first among their equals."

He thinks it might be well to put a copy of the printed proceedings of each Grand Commandery into the hands of each Sir Knight whose name is borne on the rolls. No doubt this method of disseminating Templar information would result in an increase of knowledge respecting the principles and progress of the Order; but it would be expensive to a Grand Commandery like the one to which this paper is addressed. Except for the expense, which, perhaps, ought not to be too much considered in such a matter, there would seem to be no good reason why a copy of the printed proceedings should not be sent to each Knight within the jurisdiction.

Grand Commander, Sir Frank W. Sumner, San Francisco; Grand Recorder, Sir Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir William A. Davies, Sacramento. R.

COLORADO, 1894.

Representatives from twenty Commanderies—all but four in the jurisdiction, attended the nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, held at Denver, June 5, 1894. Sir Albert B. McGaffey presided. In his annual address he set forth some of the adverse conditions which had affected the State of Colorado, and the Order of Knights Templars in that State, during the year brought under review. He says:

> The closing of the mines in some of our silver producing counties has has a very depressing effect upon the membership of a number of our oldest and best Commanderies. Their Sir Knights have become dispersed until it has become difficult for many of them to hold their regular conclaves, and no work has presented itself. They have all done their best, however, and let us trust that they may soon find that the cloud that now overhangs them has a silver lining and that ere many days prosperity and progress will be the reward for their labors.

He expresses approval of the new ritual, now used in Colorado to the exclusion of all other rituals, and he declares that it gives "almost universal satisfaction." The Grand Commander recommended that arrangements should be made for the representation of the Grand Commandery of Colorado at the Triennial in Boston, and further recommended that all Commanderies of that jurisdiction should go to Boston in company, and appear there in one body and under the Grand Standard of the State.

The Grand Commandery concurred in the suggestion, and a Triennial Committee, of which Sir Harper M. Orahood is Chairman, was appointed to carry the same into effect. The sum of five hundred dollars, "or so much thereof as is necessary," was appropriated for the use of the Triennial Committee.

The recommendation of Grand Commander McGaffey was to this effect; that Subordinate Commanderies be allowed to hold public Ascension Day services on the Sunday preceding or following Ascension Day without dispensation therefor. A Standing Order allowing any Commandery to appear in public for such an observance of Ascension Day was adopted.

The report on Correspondence, by Sir Harper M. Orahood, makes evident the ability and experience of the reviewer. His notices of many of the jurisdictions are exceedingly brief. He makes kindly reference to Massachusetts and Rhode Island and quotes several paragraphs from the report of its Committee on Correspondence, presented in 1893.

The following is from Bro. Orahood's "Conclusion":

> We have made a number of quotations referring to the Ritual. All have been in its favor, as far as we remember. In fact, we may say it has been enthusiastically received. The action and feeling at the Triennial next year, however, will be the test as to whether or not it is, and will continue to be generally satisfactory. We predict, and most certainly hope it will bear the test of every day usage.
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> The general prosperity of the Order everywhere, noted in our last report, still continues. Here and there a note of financial depression and hard times comes up, and we can truly say we have cause to know what this means. But we are on the road to recovery and have no time to complain; we are too busy in our efforts to regain what we have lost to take time to count our losses or to blame any one for the cause. Our Order in

this jurisdiction is holding the even tenor of its way, and although not increasing in numbers so greatly as in former years, is doing a noble work for the cause of humanity, morality and Christianity.

Grand Commander, Sir William D. Todd, Denver; Grand Recorder, Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir Harper M. Orahood, Denver.

R.

CONNECTICUT, 1894.

The sixty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, held at Danbury, March 20, 1894, was numerously attended; and the printed proceedings, issued in an attractive form, and with commendable promptness, give evidence that the session was one of more than ordinary interest.

Sir James B. Wildman, Grand Commander, who presided at the conclave, presented a succinct statement of his official doings, showing the faithfulness with which he had discharged the duties of his position. He reported having granted twenty dispensations during his term of office as Grand Commander.

The business transacted was for the most part of only local interest. The following attracts our attention:

> *Resolved*, that this Grand Commandery at this conclave, elect a Sir Knight for the term of five years, whose title shall be "Grand Inspector" and whose duties shall be, at least once during each year to visit each Subordinate Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction, and thoroughly inspect the work, drill, and equipments, and appointments and general condition of the Subordinate Commanderies, and to offer such suggestions and criticisms as in his judgment may have a tendency to elevate the standard, or be of benefit to such Subordinates, and at each annual conclave hereafter make a complete report of his doings to the Grand Commandery (not to be printed in the proceedings unless so ordered) and the necessary expenses of such official visitations shall be paid from the treasury of the Grand Commandery.
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> *Resolved*, that the resolutions adopted at the annual conclave of 1893, making this a part of the duty of the Grand Commander, be and the same are hereby repealed.

The Grand Commandery adopted these resolutions, and then proceeded to elect a Grand Inspector—Sir Fred A. Spencer, of Waterbury, being chosen to fill the important office.

No doubt some good results will follow the action taken. The Grand Inspector may be expected to render a service of examination and suggestion which will bear excellent fruitage. Perhaps the creation of such an office, to the filling of which a skilful and experienced Sir Knight has been called, is the best method of procedure for our sister jurisdiction; but does not the establishment of the special office of Grand Inspector detract somewhat from the rightful prerogatives and duties of the Grand Commander? The Grand Inspector is to be clothed with exalted powers, and practically will become the guiding, governing force, so far as one personality is concerned, of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. He is not required to report his doings to the Grand Commander, as it seems to the writer all inspecting officers should be required to submit their reports, but is privileged to mark out and pursue an independent course, reporting only to the Grand Commandery which has elected him for a term of five years. We shall watch with much interest this new departure in Connecticut, to note its results.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for headquarters at the Triennial in Boston next year, and the sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated for that purpose.

The report on Correspondence by Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, bears the characteristic marks of its author's long experience in the work of a reviewer. Bro. Wheeler reads with care, as his selection of excerpts denotes, and he does not hesitate to speak out his convictions when important questions are under consideration. He does not like Cerneauism; he does not approve of the word *pilgrimage* as applied to Commandery excursions; he commends the new ritual; he favors a liberal expenditure for the support of Templary, giving proper recognition to the charity side of the organization. His report is somewhat more brief than usual, yet comprehensive in the range of its selections and suggestions.

The proceedings of 1894, contain steel engravings of Grand

Commander Wildman; Sir George W. Walgrave, Past Grand Commander of New York, Grand Representative; Sir Nathan Dikeman, P. G. C.; Sir N. H. Welton, Past Grand Commander, and Sir H. Wales Lines, Past Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of the United States, together with a biographical sketch of each of the prominent Sir Knights.

Grand Commander, Sir G. Herrick Wilson, Meriden; Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford. R.

GEORGIA, 1894.

The Grand Commandery of Georgia issues its annual proceedings in an attractive form. The pamphlet now in hand is well printed, and has an outward look that is pleasant and inviting, while the arrangement of its contents indicates both skill and carefulness. It is embellished by two portraits—Sir Thomas Hardeman, Grand Commander in 1876, and Sir William I. Pollard, Grand Commander in 1878. Some one hundred and forty pages are required to set forth the proceedings of the annual conclave held at Atlanta, May 9 and 10, 1894.

Sir Washington P. Baldwin, Grand Commander, presided. In his annual address he made announcement of the formation of two new Commanderies in the jurisdiction, one at Fort Valley, the other at Atlanta. He reported having granted a number of dispensations, and having refused one dispensation asked for,—his refusal being based on the following singular grounds.

> I refused a dispensation to order a special conclave of the Grand Commandery to be held to act as escort to the Grand Lodge, which performed the funeral ceremonies of our lamented brother, Sir John S. Davidson, the Grand Master of F.·. & A.·. M.·. of Georgia. I must confess my embarrassment when the dispatch was received, for I knew of no precedent and searched earnestly in the limited time allowed me, but I decided that it was altogether unnecessary, as the local Commandery had authority to act as escort, without a dispensation, and in the next place I ventured the opinion that the Grand Commandery could not be permitted to act as escort to any other body under any circumstances, even though it were at the funeral of its own Grand Commander, if said Grand Commander were to have the funeral rites performed by any other Order; in other words, the Grand Commandery could accept the escort of any body of men, but under no circumstances could it be permitted to act as escort to any other body. There could be but one exception, and that one would be the Most Eminent Grand Encampment. I searched in vain for some precedent, but was forced to make this decision.

By this statement it appears that in the judgment of Grand Commander Baldwin it would detract from the dignity of the Grand Commandery to act as escort to any other body, no matter what the occasion might be, always excepting the Grand Encampment. He could find no precedents for allowing the Grand Commandery to escort the Grand Lodge. A little search of the history of other jurisdictions would show that Templar escort has frequently been given to Grand Lodges at the call of Grand Commanders and with the Grand Commandery in line. The present writer, as Grand Commander, responded to the request of the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and called upon the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to furnish an escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on September 17, 1877, on the occasion of a Masonic as well as a civic dedication of the Army and Navy Monument in Boston. It would seem every way proper, and in accord with the relations that exist between the two bodies, that a Grand Commandery should act as escort to a Grand Lodge on any Masonic occasion where such service is desired.

The Grand Commandery took action favorable to representation at the Triennial in Boston next year. The sum of $500 was appropriated for Triennial expenses.

An address, alike interesting and instructive, was delivered before the Grand Commandery on the first day of the session, by Sir Wm. A. Davis. His subject was "The Almighty Power of Truth." Its preëminent and abiding force is well set forth in the following extract:

> In this utilitarian age, when the heart of man is fixed on gold, or science, or literature, there are those who declare that "Wealth is power," others affirm that "Knowledge is power," but above them all we assert that "Truth is power." Wealth cannot purchase, talent can not reflect, knowl-

> edge can not overreach, authority can not silence her. They all, like Felix, tremble in her presence. Fling her into the most tremendous billow of popular commotion, she mounts aloft in the ark upon the summit of the deluge; cast her into the seven-fold heated furnace of the tyrant's wrath, she walks with the Son of God untouched through the conflagration. When wealth and talent and knowledge and authority, when earth and heaven itself shall pass away, Truth shall rise like the angel of Manoah's sacrifice, upon the flame of Nature's funeral pyre, and ascend to her source, her heaven and her home—the bosom of the holy and eternal God.

An able report on Correspondence is furnished by Sir Roland B. Hall, who reviews the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Commanderies and notes the salient features—some of them—which each presents. By reading carefully such a review as that of Bro. Hall's one might come to a good understanding of the characteristics of the different jurisdictions, as well as of their work and progress during the past year.

Grand Commander, Sir Park Woodward, Atlanta; Grand Recorder, Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah; Correspondent, Sir Roland B. Hall, Macon.

R.

ILLINOIS, 1893.

The printed proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, 1893, with illustrated appendix containing report on Correspondence, make an inviting volume of two hundred and twenty pages. The skilful hand of the Grand Recorder, Sir Gil. W. Barnard, is evident in the classification of the subject matter presented on these pages, in the clear presentation of Grand Commandery doings, and in the well arranged tables of statistics, etc., which add to the value of the publication.

It is the record of the Grand Commandery Conclave, held at the Masonic Temple, Chicago, on October 24 and 25, 1893, with accompanying papers as already noted, which is now presented for pleasant examination and review.

The session was attended by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and permanent members, and the representatives of fifty-seven Commanderies stationed within the Illinois jurisdiction.

Sir Charles G. Mac, Grand Commander, delivered a thoughtful and suggestive address. He expresses sensible views respecting the formation of new Commanderies. On this point he says:

> Stronger Commanderies is what we need, not more of them—quality, not quantity, should be our motto. An attempt to build up a Commandery in a small town, where a dozen or less Knights Templars reside, not only weakens those contiguous to it and creates another weak one, but invariably leads to the acceptance of improper material. In their anxiety to build themselves up numerically, they are apt to be lax in scrutinizing the qualifications of candidates. Not only this, but in establishing new Commanderies that seriously weaken those already existing, we commit a wrong against them; and the province of this Grand Body should be to protect, not to destroy. I do not believe it will be necessary to create any new Commanderies for several years, outside of Cook county, where all things are possible.

In this connection it is proper to mention that the Grand Commandery at the session of 1893 granted one charter and one dispensation for new Commanderies—both within the city of Chicago.

Grand Commander Mac decides that objection to a visiting Knight has force only for the conclave in which the objection is made. The Grand Commander expresses an opinion, in which the present writer shares, against the Grand Encampment law of perpetual jurisdiction. He says:

> There certainly ought to be some limit as to length of time a Commandery, or, as is usually the case, an individual, can prevent the advancement of a Royal Arch Mason, but I fail to find any in the Code.

Especially should there be a limit in the case of an applicant for the Orders, who has removed to another jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander rebukes the practice of conferring the Orders in a careless and perfunctory manner. Officers who do not appreciate the sublime lessons of Templary—whose hearts do not beat in sympathy with its enforcement of truth and holy sentiments—are manifestly out of place. If they lack faith in the Christian verities they cannot put the requisite feeling and impressiveness into their work. They may recite the ritual correctly and yet fail to touch the soul by their inculcations of moral and religious duty. Sometimes the lack of impressiveness is not so much due to want of appreciation of the lessons and ceremonies of the Orders, as to want of thought and preparation—a careless manner which in itself is considerable fault. Grand Commander Mac's words which made the text of the foregoing preachment are as follows:

> To follow the ritual "fairly well," or absolutely, is of no credit to an officer if he is unable to throw any feeling or impressiveness in his manner of doing the work; and to confer the Orders in any other manner is not only defrauding the candidate, but creating a member who will never have that respect and reverence for the teachings of the Order that a Knight Templar ought to have. A "parrot-like" repetition of the mere words of the rituals may put a candidate in possession of the esoteric work of the Order, but will not create any enthusiasm for our sublime principles, or any affection for the Order.

The business transacted was for the most part of only local interest. It is very pleasant to notice among the transactions the appropriation of five hundred dollars for the benefit of the Masonic Orphans' Home in Chicago.

By the Grand Recorder's statistical exhibit it appears that at the date of closing the returns, October 1, 1893, there were 8,881 members in the jurisdiction, being an increase of 296 over the number reported the previous year.

The report on Correspondence by Past Grand Commander John C. Smith, which fills nearly one hundred pages of the proceedings, is both entertaining and edifying.

He reviews the transactions of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions in a most praiseworthy manner. Under the heading of Illinois he describes notable places and structures in the Holy Land and presents on inserted leaves sixteen beautiful views illustrative of the text.

Bro. Smith begins his report by reference to the quiet condition of the Templar Order. "Never before," he says, "was there such peace and prosperity as now." He suggests that this condition may not always last. What shall be the next question for discussion? "Shall it be the Order of Malta, or the permanent location of the Grand Encampment?"

Our thought would tend to keeping the first question in perpetual quiet. It seems a sort of anti-climax to follow the sublime ceremonies of the Temple with those of the Order of Malta. No great harm would come to the Templar system and Order by allowing the forms of work in the Order of Malta to sink into "innocuous desuetude," and only preserve so much of the ritual of that Order as may be needed to comply with the requirements of Templar law and tradition. It does not seem necessary or expedient to supplement the Order of the Temple with an extended and elaborate ceremonial under the name of the Order of Malta. As to the second question, it cannot be considered too soon. A permanent location of the Grand Encampment seems desirable for several reasons; but we will not attempt to present them here and now.

Grand Commander, Sir Henry M. Hall, Olney; Grand Recorder, Sir Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago; Committee on Correspondence, Sir John C. Smith, Chicago. R.

INDIANA, 1894.

The volume of proceedings now in hand is adorned by two engraved portraits, presenting two faces, each seeming to indicate a personality characterized by good sense and moral earnestness. One is the portrait of Sir Simeon S. Johnson, Grand Commander, whose successful administration ended with the Grand Conclave held in Indianapolis, April 18, 1894. The other portrait is that of Sir Reuben Peden, Grand Commander in 1888-89, who was instantly killed before a swiftly moving railway train, December 2, 1893. The reference to the deceased Sir Knight by Grand Commander Johnson contains a tender tribute to his memory and worth. A Special Committee, of which Sir Martin H. Rice was Chairman, presented a memorial paper testifying to his noble character and honorable career, and the same was adopted and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

Grand Commander Johnson reported four decisions, three of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and one was disapproved. The Grand Commandery endorsed the recommendations of its committee in all the four cases.

The first decision was to this effect: That a petitioner for the Orders having signed the form of application required by the Grand Encampment could not be called upon to subscribe to new or added requirements. Neither a Grand Commandery or a Subordinate Commandery can add to the specifications formulated for petitions by the Grand Encampment. The second decision affirmed that a dispensation was needed to authorize a Subordinate Commandery to go in uniform from its asylum to a banquet hall two blocks away. Technically this is all right, as the committee and the Grand Body declared, but a failure to ask for a dispensation to march from the asylum to a banquet—two blocks distant—would be no very grievous fault. But the dispensation should be sought under the conditions named. If the uniforms were left at the asylum no official permission would need to be sought. The third decision declared that a "Past" Grand Standard Bearer was not entitled to wear shoulder straps with the initials of office on them. The fourth decision, affirming that a Commandery had no right to try a member for an alleged offence, while he was suffering the penalty inflicted by his Lodge, was disapproved by the committee, the closing paragraphs of their report being in the following words:

> Your committee therefore recommend that it is the sense of this Grand Commandery, that a Templar may be tried and disciplined, in the discretion of his Commandery, for an offense against Templar law, without regard to action of Lodge or Chapter in the same case.

This would seem to meet the equities involved, and to accord with the law of the Grand Encampment applicable to such a case as that passed upon by Grand Commander Johnson.

A slight unpleasantness occurred between Grand Commander Gaul, of New York, and the Grand Commander of Indiana, growing out of the reappointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of New York, who was not acceptable to Grand Commander Gaul. A demand was made for the withdrawal of the commission and the substitution of another name. This was declined by Grand Commander Johnson. Several sharp letters followed, the outcome being a suspension of the exchange of Grand Representatives between the two jurisdictions. A disturbance of feeling from so slight a cause is greatly to be regretted. It is to be hoped that cordial relations may soon be re-established between the two jurisdictions.

Grand Commander Johnson expressed his wish that the Grand Commandery of Indiana might act promptly and generously in the matter of arrangements for the Triennial at Boston next year· The Triennial Committee and the Committee on Claims recommended an appropriation of $3,000 to meet the expenses of maintaining headquarters, etc., and their recommendation was approved by the Grand Commandery.

Sir N. R. Ruckle, Past Grand Commander, submits a report on Correspondence which shows intelligent and careful thought in its preparation. He pays an appreciative tribute to the memory of four prominent Correspondents who have gone over to the majority since the Grand Encampment met in Denver in 1892, viz., John H. Brown, of Kansas, Joseph P. Hornor, of Louisiana, Wm. P. Innes, of Michigan, George C. Connor, of Tennessee.

Sir Knight Ruckle gives an extended notice of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and quotes several paragraphs from the report on Correspondence prepared by Bro. Finch and the present writer last year. Dissent is expressed to the proposition which has been formally approved by the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, viz.: "that the present system of representation to the Grand Encampment of the United States, should be so amended as to provide that each Grand Commandery shall be entitled to, and have, one vote for each and every five hundred Sir Knights on its roll of membership, in addition to its representation under the present system."

The Indiana reviewer asks:

> Is representation in Grand Encampment more important to Grand Commanderies than representation in Grand Commanderies is to Subordinates? If this contention for a change in representation in Grand Encampment

has just grounds, is not our whole system of Masonic legislation founded on erroneous principles ?

Our thought is that the principle suggested by the proposed amendment might well be made to apply to representation in Grand Commanderies, although the need of the change does not seem as apparent in the case of State organizations as in the General Body. It certainly would be no radical or destructive change to graft upon the present system a provision for direct representation, based upon membership in excess of a certain limit. The question is not a burning one, however, and it will keep.

Grand Commander, Sir Charles W. Slick, Mishawaka; Grand Recorder, Sir Wm. H. Smyth, Indianapolis; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir N. R. Ruckle, Indianapolis. R.

IOWA, 1893.

The proceedings of the Grand Masonic Bodies in Iowa are issued in attractive form, and the contents of the annual publications are always in keeping with the outward appearance. The volume in hand conforms to the rule stated. It is embellished with an engraved portrait of Sir E. Oliver Soule, Grand Commander for 1892-93, and full page pictures of the asylum building at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, where the thirtieth annual conclave was held, July 12, 13, and 14, 1893, and of the Park and Lake.

The attendance was large, albeit twenty of the fifty-four Commanderies in the jurisdiction were reported as unrepresented at the first day's session.

R. E. Sir E. Oliver Soule, Grand Commander, made report of his official doings in a well considered address containing several important suggestions. Among decisions the following appears :

> *Question.* Is it proper to confer the Order of the Temple upon more than one candidate at a time, and if so, how can it be done?
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> *Answer.* The ritual of Iowa does not contemplate the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon more than one candidate at a time ; however at the last session of the Grand Encampment a resolution was offered and adopted : "That the Committee on Ritual be requested to indicate by supplemental report which portions of the ritual of the several Orders of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Malta, may, with propriety, be exemplified in the presence of more than one candidate, and which portions must necessarily be restricted to the presence of one candidate only."

It is every way more orderly and impressive to confer the Order of the Temple on but one candidate at a time ; but in large Commanderies it would require too frequent meetings if an attempt was made to enforce such a resolution. Our thought is that where several candidates are admitted at the same time provision should be made to have each properly attired as pilgrim warrior and pilgrim penitent, and each should be instructed in all the passes, words, etc. In the nature of things there would seem to be a difference in the moral effect produced upon a candidate personally addressed and instructed, and other candidates who only look on and see the work performed. Whenever the conditions will allow it is far better to have but one candidate.

Among dispensations granted by Grand Commander Soule was one permitting a Commandery "to appear in uniform at a charity ball."

The legislation of the Grand Commandery was not important. The evenings of the three days set apart for the Grand Commandery sessions were devoted to boat rides and entertainments, "the ladies assisting." Their presence no doubt suggested the following action on the part of the Grand Body :

> *Ordered,* That the Committee on Knightly Courtesy and Jurisprudence be directed to prepare a design for a jewel to be worn by, and to designate the wives and daughters of Knights Templar, and that they report their selection at the next Annual Conclave for adoption.

A very pleasant compliment this, although somewhat in the line of an "innovation." It does not seem desirable to organize a society composed of the wives and daughters of Knights Templars.

The report on Correspondence by Rev. Sir J. C. W. Coxe includes an interesting review of thirty-six jurisdictions. Under the heading of Vermont he draws the line between patriotic and Masonic occasions in the calls they present for the participation of organizations of Knights Templars. We subscribe to Bro. Coxe's expression of opinion:

> We yield to none in admiration for the brave achievements of our national heroes, whether of earlier or later periods of our history, or in loyalty to their memory; but we insist upon it that the claims of loyalty are based upon our citizenship and not upon our Masonic or Templar record. Upon this ground we have uniformly criticised Templar parades on Memorial Day—the occasion is not Masonic. That day belongs distinctively to the Grand Army of the Republic, and under the general direction of that organization it is fitting that all citizens unite in appropriate services in honor of the dead; but for Knights Templar, as such, Ascension Day is a far more fitting occasion for decorating the graves of departed fraters, commemorating their virtues, and inspiring a Christian faith in "the resurrection of the dead." With kindest regard for the Green Mountain State—our home for more than a decade—we write these words of honest and earnest conviction.

Iowa has had an unpleasant experience of Cerneauism, which moves Reviewer Coxe to the use of the following strong words:

> It is an invader, an inciter of sedition, a begetter of strife, an occasion of discord wherever it goes. It threatens the integrity of the Symbolic Craft. It is a menace to the entire structure of York Rite Masonry. It is an anarchist and dynamiter always and everywhere. It is an Ishmaelite with whom there can be no treaty of peace.

The jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is favored with a courteous and extended notice. He commends and criticises with intelligent discrimination. The present writer has never favored the granting of dispensations to Commanderies to attend Masonic balls and Masonic fairs in uniform. But the practice prevails in a majority of the Templar jurisdictions of the country.

Bro. Coxe concurs in our view that the conferring of the Orders as an "act of courtesy" is only justifiable in very exceptional cases. On this point he says:

> Inasmuch as Sir Knight Rugg approves as "the right interpretation of the law" a decision by the Grand Commander of Maine to the effect that "the candidate becomes a member of the Commandery in which he receives the Orders of Knighthood," an interesting question arises from these instances of Massachusetts courtesy. What is the effect on membership of conferring a part of the Orders as a matter of courtesy? Do these fraters by virtue of the latest knighting belong to Commanderies in Massachusetts?

Certainly not; for in the cases referred to it was provided and agreed to that membership should not follow the Knighting. The general rule was set aside to meet the special case. This would naturally follow, according to our opinion, in every similar case.

Reviewing Ohio he states a rule that should govern the work of the guards, viz.:

> One Inspector criticises sharply the *reading* of the lessons by the guards, saying that they should be recited. We demur: the lessons are from the Bible, and should be *read* by the guards as the lessons are *read* by the Prelate.

We turn with regret from Bro. Coxe's sensible and suggestive report. It is good reading for the Sir Knights of Iowa and for members of the Order in other jurisdictions.

Grand Commander, Sir Washington I. Babb, Mt. Pleasant; Grand Recorder, Sir Alfred Wingate, Des Moines; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir J. C. W. Coxe, Washington.

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Kansas, 1894.

The proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Kansas at the annual conclave held in the city of Hutchinson, May 8 and 9, 1894, are published in an inviting pamphlet embellished by an engraved portrait of Sir Clark Gray, Grand Commander in 1893-94.

Grand Commander Gray holds the Templar Order in high esteem. He says:

> Templarism is the crowning glory of Masonry. He who wears its insignia and shares its honors, without feeling the weight of its responsibilities and being thereby stimulated to higher efforts and nobler aspirations, proclaims himself destitute of those higher moral sensibilities which distinguish and adorn the true Knights of the Temple. Let us hope that

> such an one has never gained admittance to our asylums. As in the early history of the race, as typified in our mysteries, so, to-day, the relentless foes of civil and social order, the implacable enemies of civilization and human progress are those assassins of honor, integrity and moral and religious freedom — ignorance, falsehood and superstition. Against this powerful triumvirate, this triple alliance of the hosts of evil, the sword of each Knight Templar should ever flash, and in this contest his plume should ever wave in the battle's front.

He reports four Commanderies as having been constituted in Kansas during the year of his service as Grand Commander. Under dispensations he announces having authorized the formation of four new Commanderies, and refused one application. Referring to the advance of the Order in the jurisdiction, he says:

> The cause of Templarism has made splendid progress within this jurisdiction. If charters shall be granted to the four Commanderies now under dispensation, our Subordinate Commanderies will number forty-two—a number exceeded by very few jurisdictions under the obedience of the Grand Encampment.

His several decisions were approved by the Grand Commandery. They were all in accordance with the Templar law as generally accepted. We note the following:

> When a member of a chartered Commandery becomes a member of a Commandery under dispensation, his membership as to the chartered Commandery remains in abeyance. If, subsequently, he joins in the petition for a charter for the Commandery under dispensation, and a charter is granted and such Commandery constituted, he continues to be a member of the new Commandery, and ceases to be a member of the old Commandery, and a dimit is unnecessary. *Further*, In such case the Sir Knight is not liable for dues to the old Commandery, subsequent to the date of the dispensation.

Formerly there was much confusion of judgment respecting the *status* of a Sir Knight in such a case as that passed upon by Grand Commander Gray. Even now there is possibly a difference of opinion in some quarters, hence we quote the foregoing clear statement of the law.

The business of the conclave was transacted in a prompt and harmonious manner. An appropriation was made to defray expenses of the Grand Commandery at the Triennial in Boston next year, and an assessment of one dollar *per capita* was ordered by a unanimous vote. There are upwards of three thousand affiliated Knights Templars in Kansas.

On account of illness the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Sir D. Byington, called upon Sir John C. Postlethwaite, of the committee, to prepare the report, who reviews in a careful and interesting manner the transactions of thirty-nine jurisdictions.

As is every way natural and proper Bro. Postlethwaite takes many "clippings," from the various reports eulogistic of Bro. John H. Brown deceased, who was the Kansas Correspondent for a long term of years. He was an able writer —a Sir Knight deservedly honored and greatly mourned.

Grand Commander, Sir Alexander G. Robb, McPherson; Grand Recorder, Sir Dwight Byington, Leavenworth; Committee on Correspondence, Sirs D. Byington and J. C. Postlethwaite. R.

KENTUCKY, 1894.

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky held its annual conclave at Paducah, May 16 and 17, 1894. There were prefatory proceedings to the formal opening, including a parade by several Commanderies to the First Presbyterian Church, where public worship was observed, conducted by Rev. F. E. Davenport, D.D., who is said to have delivered an "eloquent and instructive sermon." After services at the church the Sir Knights marched to Masonic Hall, where an address of welcome was made and responded to. These addresses appear in the printed proceedings.

Sir Thomas J. Flournay, Grand Commander, presented a business-like statement of his official acts and offered several suggestions related to important matters. He takes ground against the observance of a custom which has grown up of late years, and which received the sanction of the Grand Encampment at Denver, viz.: that a Christmas toast to the Grand Master should be offered each year, and that Sir Knight Berry, of Maine, be charged with the duty of preparing the "sentiment," etc. Taking this as a text Grand Commander Flournay remarks:

> I would most gladly enter with our fraters at home and abroad into an interchange of knightly sentiments and greetings, but I regard this as rather a dangerous innovation. In the accounts that we have of these gatherings, the flowing bowl is the prominent feature.
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> There are few Eminent Commanders who have not felt the weight of responsibility resting upon them on account of one or more weak brothers who became their watchful care to see that these did not fall. Would it not be more in accord with the true spirit of our Order if we would separate from it all appearances of evil, and everything that would tend to dishonor its name? We should do all in our power to comfort and help the weak among us, and remove the temptations that lie thickly in their pathway, for have we not at the same altar offered up the same petition, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil?"

The objection is well taken if the "flowing bowl" is made the prominent feature of such Christmas gatherings. Our knowledge of the matter is very limited; but we fail to see why the observance of the Christmas toast must necessarily be harmful in the direction indicated. The purpose is to promote a feeling of fraternal union, to increase fellowship between Knights Templars, and to pay respect to the honored head of the Order. The gathering itself, the kind feeling awakened and expressed, the "sentiment" proposed and responded to, make the chief features, as we have supposed, of the Christmas toast gatherings.

The transactions pertained chiefly to local matters. As of special interest to the Sir Knights of the jurisdiction to which our report is addressed, we copy the following:

> *Resolved,* That the Grand Council of this Grand Commandery be and are hereby appointed a committee to select and engage a suitable place for Headquarters of this Grand Commandery for use during the coming Triennial Conclave at Boston.
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> *Resolved,* That this Grand Commandery extend an invitation to the Subordinate Commanderies to establish their Headquarters at the Headquarters of the Grand Commandery; that a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to correspond with those Subordinate Commanderies who propose to entertain at the ensuing Triennial Conclave in Boston, with a view of concentrating these entertainments under the auspices of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and report at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

It is well understood that Kentucky will be ably and numerously represented at the Triennial Conclave next year. One of her esteemed sons, Sir Warren La Rue Thomas, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, no doubt has higher honors awaiting him there, and this fact will help to secure an exceptionally large attendance from the jurisdiction.

Sir Charles R. Woodruff, now the senior writer of Templar Correspondence, shows no abatement of ability or energy in the twenty-first report on Correspondence, presented to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky at the conclave of 1894. He gives an extended notice to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and gracefully compliments the present writer, notwithstanding his adherence to Knights Templars instead of Knights Templar as the better form of title. It is *not* a question of great importance, Bro. Woodruff.

On the subject of Grand Representatives he states his objections at considerable length. We quote the following:

> Looking at the usage seriously and calmly, it must be confessed that, while among the Grand Lodges, which are independent bodies, there may be a shadow of excuse for it, there can be no valid reason found for the exchange of representatives between Grand Commanderies, which are subordinate to a Supreme Body, and among them the whole thing is farcical in the extreme and entirely absurd—quite as much so as if practiced between Commanderies subordinate to a Grand Commandery.

The point made by Sir Knight Woodruff is not without force. It does not follow as a matter of course that, because the exchange of Representatives is sanctioned by Grand Lodges, a like practice should prevail among Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies. There is a distinction with a difference. If such results are to arise as those that have followed a recent attempt to apply the system by the Grand Commanders of New York and Indiana, we agree, with our esteemed frater, that the system has outlived its usefulness.

Grand Commander, Sir James D. Lewis, Bowling Green; Grand Recorder, Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger, Louisville; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville. R.

LOUISIANA, 1894.

The printed transactions of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, at its thirty-first annual conclave held in New Orleans, February 16, 1894, with accompanying report on Correspondence, require but thirty-four pages. A finely engraved portrait of Sir Charles F. Buck, Grand Commander in 1893, who was re-elected in 1894, follows the title page.

The Grand Commander reports a quiet year and but little activity in the Order. There are but three Commanderies in the jurisdiction and the total membership is less than 300. A revival of interest is needed.

Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, Past Grand Commander, of well deserved fame among Masons and Knights Templars, furnishes an excellent report on Correspondence, in which he gives prominence to matters connected with the Grand Encampment, as suggested by the Triennial meeting at Denver in 1892. He approves for the most part the action there taken by the Grand Encampment. He expresses his hope that the Committee on Revision of the Constitution may be able to report at Boston in such a way as to give satisfaction, and thus settle that question as the Ritual was passed upon and settled at Denver.

The views of Bro. Fellows on these points are worthy of citation. We quote the following:

> There seems to be a general acquiescence in the Ritual adopted at Denver, and that question is, and should be, now at rest. Some dissatisfaction in a few places seems to exist as to the Constitution and Code. The present Constitution never was satisfactory to the writer, and he was the only one who voted against its adoption at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1856 He deemed it incongruous and ill-digested, so he thought, and amendments made to it since have not improved it in these respects. Yet, as the Grand Encampment at its last session referred the Constitution and Code to a Special Committee for revision, to be reported in time for action before the next triennial session at Boston in 1895, and as that committee has completed its labors, it may be supposed that that question will also be settled, it is to be hoped as satisfactorily as was the ritual in 1892, and as was the subject of uniform several years ago; all these questions being also eliminated, there remains still less for us to pass in review and report upon.

We trust that nothing may prevent the attendance of Bro. Fellows at the Triennial Conclave in Boston next year, when important questions respecting the governing rules of Templary will claim the most careful attention. An able committee will report on the Constitution and Code; and it may be assumed that as numerous and as intelligent a representation of the Grand Encampment as has ever been convened, will pass judgment on that report.

Grand Commander, Sir Charles F. Buck, New Orleans; Grand Recorder, Sir Richard Lambert, New Orleans; Committee on Correspondence, Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans, and the Grand Recorder. R.

MAINE, 1894.

It was our privilege to be present at the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maine, held in Masonic Hall, Portland, May 3, 1894. The meeting was held on Ascension Day, and religious services appropriate thereto were held under direction of the Grand Prelate, Sir Edwin H. Vose, who was assisted by Rev. Charles T. Ogden. Excellent music suited to the occasion was furnished by a Templar Quartette. The attendance was large, including a goodly number of leaders and workers who have contributed efficiently to secure for Maine, in matters of Freemasonry and Templary, the excellent reputation now generally accorded to that jurisdiction. Sir Knights Drummond, Locke, Burnham, Ballou, and others of that stamp, were in their places, evidently most attentive to the various matters presented. Grand Commander Sir Horace H. Burbank, also Grand Master of Masons in Maine, delivered a timely address, in which he presented a summary of his official acts during the year of his administration. He announced two decisions, viz.:

> 1. The dedication of a soldier's monument on Memorial Day, May 30th, cannot be deemed "a Masonic occasion." I therefore declined to grant permission to a Commandery to "do escort duty and participate in" such dedication.
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> 2. A Commandery can, as a matter of courtesy, accord Templar burial

> or escort to an unaffiliated Knight Templar, his application for membership having been presented and pending in said Commandery.

These decisions were approved by the Grand Commandery. They accord with the well established rules of Templar procedure in such cases provided.

The Grand Commander welcomed the Representative of the Grand Encampment, saying:

> To him officially and personally, our hearts respond more warmly than our words can express, and through him we send cordial sympathy and greetings to all Templars in the land.

The closing portion of Grand Commander Burbank's address, delivered in a very impressive manner, was charged with wholesome sentiments applicable to members of the Templar Order in all jurisdictions. Among his earnest words of suggestion were the following, to which we would call special attention :

> Sir Knights, have we in the past done our whole duty? Our ritual may be above criticism ; our ideals may be perfect ; but "the end of man is an action, and not a thought, though it were the noblest."
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> Vain is all our paraphernalia, useless our ceremony, empty our symbols, meaningless our mysteries, unless we materialize the sculptor's dream into the living marble. Our ideals may never be attained, but the conditions of the continued existence of our Order, its healthy growth and incessant, illimitable power for human weal, are found in sincere endeavor that these ideals be wrought into daily life and conduct.
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> We may dream in the mysticism of the ideal, and life be the richer even for such dreaming, yet fruitless will be our effort and profitless our toil, until from the crude ore we develop the rich medium of value, real excellence, and true service to humanity.
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> Relying upon the ground work of the tenets of our Order, with hearts of courage, amid the brilliant splendor of our opportunities, let us each resume the staff of duty, or the sword of achievement, ever mindful that, while our bow of promise is radiant with golden tinges, only by a constant practice of the principles which we uphold as our ideals can our work realize for us, for Templarism, for humanity, the rich harvest and reward that awaits the valiant Knight, the faithful soldier, the real hero.

During the afternoon session the officers of Portland Commandery, by request of the Grand Commander, conferred the Order of the Red Cross on two candidates. The work

was creditable and impressive. At the evening session several important reports were presented and considerable business transacted. Returns from the nineteen Commanderies of the jurisdiction showed an aggregate membership of 2,750, a net increase of upwards of one hundred for the past year.

Sir Stephen Berry presented a report on Correspondence. It was his nineteenth annual report. The paper was not read in Grand Commandery session, but we have since perused it very much to our satisfaction. Bro. Berry presents many extracts from the reports of other Correspondents; but he selects with care and evidently aims to cover a wide range of subjects. There is a skilful and an unskilful way of using the scissors. Bro. Berry has learned the artistic method.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island he gives a kindly notice of the work of Bro. Finch and ourself in preparing the Correspondence report of 1893, from which he makes several extracts.

Reviewing New Hampshire he makes the point that under the rule of the Grand Encampment, "making a knight who receives the Orders in a Commandery, *ipso facto*, a member of that Commandery," there is no authority for one Commandery to confer the Orders for another, as a matter of courtesy. He suggests that if such a course is pursued the candidate on whom the Orders were so conferred would need a dimit from the Commandery doing the work in order to become a member of the Commandery which had made request for the act of courtesy.

Grand Commander, Sir Wm. J. Landers, Gardiner; Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Sir Stephen Berry, Portland. R.

MARYLAND, 1893.

The printed proceedings of the twenty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, held at Baltimore, November 28, 1893, with accompanying papers, have enhanced value by reason of several embellishments. Phototypes of the new Masonic Temple are shown—exterior and interior views,—and a finely engraved portrait of the Grand Commander, 1893, Sir William Henry Ruby, is likewise presented. The volume is well printed on an excellent quality of paper, and there is a wide margin left upon the pages, thus facilitating reading and examination. The arrangement of the subject matter and the several statistical exhibits make evident the skilful hand of Grand Recorder Miller.

There are eight Subordinate Commanderies in the jurisdiction of Maryland, and they were all represented at the annual conclave. All the Grand Officers except one were in attendance, also eight Past Grand Commanders and numerous visitors.

Grand Commander Ruby reported his official acts at considerable length. Several dispensations for special purposes had been granted, the greater proportion of them, as is the case in other jurisdictions, being permits to set aside the statutory time limit on petitions. One of the recommendations contained in the Grand Commander's address proposes a change of the Grand Commandery law, which now makes fifty dollars to be the minimum fee for conferring the Orders, so that hereafter it shall be one hundred dollars; but the payment of this increased fee shall entitle the candidate to receive a uniform complete. The proposition, which most certainly has merit, was referred to a Special Committee who will report at the next session.

Maryland has a "Grand Inspector," who seems to be charged with the duty of making official visitations. He reported having visited five of the eight Commanderies; but it is with evident depression of feeling he makes his announcement:

> I certainly was disappointed at the small number each Commandery presented on the occasion of my visit, more particularly so as I had notified the Eminent Commander of each Commandery of my intended visit, and I hoped every Sir Knight would be on hand, and be proud of being present at the stated conclave mentioned.

Official visitations to Subordinate Commanderies, to inspect the bodies and their work, can most profitably be made, we think, by the Grand Commander and other Grand Officers in the line of promotion. Such annual visits ought to call out the full strength of the several bodies.

The report on Correspondence is the seventeenth such paper furnished by Sir Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas. It contains a brief and intelligent review of thirty-nine jurisdictions. Near the conclusion of his report Bro. Gorgas thus explains a Templar term which is used in Maryland:

> But a portion of our conclusion must be given to the elucidation of a term which is peculiar to our jurisdiction, and which has excited comment from others, namely—"Line of Knights." E. Sir Daniel A. Piper, who died in June, 1875, had been for many years the exponent of the rituals of the Symbolic, Capitular and Templar degrees to the Masons of Maryland, and by him the title—"Line of Knights," was applied to the first three officers of a Subordinate Commandery, and also to the first four officers of the Grand Commandery. Hence, when it is considered best to refer any business to the highest officers of the Grand or a Subordinate Commandery, the motion reads "referred to the Line of Knights."

The new term is all well enough when it becomes associated, as in Maryland, with the first three officers of a Templar organization. In its general sense, without any technical limitations, the phrase would seem to indicate rather more than what belongs to its designation in the Maryland usage. A Line of Masons was formerly understood, in certain localities, to represent a lodge, the members of which were supposed to sustain very intimate relations with each other. According to one writer, "the universal bond, with which every Mason ought to be united to his brethren, should consist of sixty threads or strands, because, by a provision of the ancient statutes, no Lodge was allowed to have more than sixty members." The Line of Masons, technically, was the lodge limited to sixty members. The Line of Knights, as the phrase is now used in the jurisdiction under review, consists of a far less number, viz.: "the first four officers of a Grand Commandery, and the first three officers of a Subordinate Commandery." The term is one which seems liable to be a misleading phrase, except in jurisdictions where it has come to have a well understood meaning and application. Bro. Gorgas closes his report as follows :

Cherished fraters whose welcome words have annually greeted us, and whose pleasant faces have been wreathed in smiles when it has been our privilege to meet at the Triennial Conclaves, are now silent in the sleep that knows no awakening in this life, and every coming year will add to the list of the departed whose names have been as familiar as those of the most cherished friends. But the present yet remains to many of us, and turning aside from sad thoughts we can exclaim:

"Joy, our Temple, stands complete."

Grand Commander, Sir James P. Clark, Baltimore; Grand Recorder, Sir John H. Miller, Baltimore; Correspondent, F. J. S. Gorgas, M. D., Baltimore. R.

MICHIGAN, 1894.

It is a pleasure to turn the pages of the annual publications sent out by the Grand Commandery of Michigan. The volume in hand, containing the proceedings at the thirty-eighth annual conclave, held at Kalamazoo, May 15 and 16, 1894, maintains the reputation of the jurisdiction in the matter noted. It is ornamented by portraits of Sir Henry L. Anthony, Grand Commander in 1894, and Sir John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander.

Michigan is the home of Sir Hugh McCurdy, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and being present he responded in his usual and eloquent manner to the cordial welcome accorded him. We copy from his remarks the following:

Freemasonry is a temple—Freemasonry is a kingdom. Not every one who knows its signs and ceremonies, who has its grips and passwords, can enter into the kingdom; but he alone who is doing its will. You cannot make one a Freemason by giving him a grip, a sign, a password. One may possess all these and yet never really enter into the presence of the noble Masonic nature; you cannot enter into the true temple of Freemasonry by entering into Masonic temples. Only so far as we are partakers of this noble nature—only so far as we breathe the Masonic spirit are we Freemasons. Are we making this mistake, calling ourselves Freemasons, Knights Templar, and yet strangers and alien-hearers of the word, but not doers; looking occasionally into the Masonic mirror, then going away and forgetting what manner of men we are? This is the danger of symbols, of signs and passwords. In their frequent use their meaning is too often forgotten.

There are too many Freemasons to-day who are Freemasons only in name; who give to their fellow men no better evidence of Masonic character than badge, symbol, word, and these are really no evidence whatever. Too many there are who wear the uniform, the badge, the sword, the plume, and yet have never really tasted of the fountain of its living waters. We need schools of Masonry. We need symbols, badges and Masonic temples; but most of all we need Masons, students of Freemasonry—men who are not only able to find their way into these temples built by hands, but who are able to find their way into the human heart—the true temple; men who by good deeds and kindly lives are continually giving the grand Masonic sign that they are dwellers in that temple whose builder and maker is the Great Architect of the Universe.

Grand Commander Anthony's address is a business like paper. It shows the diligence and fidelity with which Sir Knight Anthony had administered the affairs of the Grand Commandery, as entrusted to his charge. He pays a justly deserved tribute to the memory of Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, Grand Commander in 1860, and Grand Recorder, and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence since 1871. His was indeed a noble life, "full of manly virtue, human, charitable, and patriotic deeds."

The report on Correspondence, by Sir John A. Gerow, appointed to succeed Gen. Innes, both as Grand Recorder and Grand Representative, shows careful reading and the exercise of a discrimination. The following, taken from the beginning of the report, expresses his method and purpose:

We have endeavored to select the brightest sentiments expressed by some of the noblest minds in our Order, and to present a synopsis of the doings in our sister jurisdictions, in the hope that what is here presented may be of some service to the members of our noble Order.

Bro. Gerow believes that the American flag may be properly carried in any Masonic or Templar procession. On this subject he expresses his opinion in the following strong words:

We are of those who believe in carrying "Old Glory" at all times and upon all occasions. It is a solemn national signal. It is a symbol of those holy truths which were symbolized in those heraldic times now almost forgotten. And more, those symbols were instinct with a new life and vocal with a new inspiration. They meant all that the Declaration of Independence meant. Beginning with the colonies and coming

> down to our time that flag in its sacred heraldry, in its glorious insignia, has gathered and stored chiefly this supreme idea, "Divine right of liberty for man." Modern Templarism has no banner more appropriate for display than the stars and stripes, and particularly in this country, where adoptive citizens take license with the liberty granted and display in procession and even upon public buildings standards that are foreign to the people of this nation. Wherever a banner is carried in this country the stars and stripes should have first place.

As we said in last year's report, so may we repeat our statement in this connection, viz: that in our judgment it is every way right and proper that the country's banner should be borne by Sir Knights in a parade of the Order. It seems in no way opposed to Templar lessons, or a proper regard for what is required by the movements and expression of a Templar parade, that the flag of the country should be carried. At the same time we would not so insist upon the practice as to make it a test of loyalty.

Grand Commander, Sir Chas. H. Pomeroy, Saginaw; Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Sir John L. Gerow, Detroit.

R.

MINNESOTA, 1894.

Opposite the title page of the volume of proceedings now in hand, is shown the likeness of Sir J. W. Nash, Grand Commander, who presided at the twenty-ninth annual conclave, held at St. Paul, June 25, 1894. His address makes pleasant reading, for it reports the official acts of a Grand Commander who evidently sought to do his whole duty. He declined to grant a dispensation to cover an error committed by a Subordinate Commandery, which had conferred without authority, the Order of the Red Cross upon a Companion. Grand Commander Nash rightly decided that the proceedings in the case were void, that the Commandery must act again upon the Companion's petition, conforming to the rules of the Grand Commandery, and proceed, after the candidate was duly elected, to confer the Order upon him without regard to any action previously taken.

The business of the session was for the most part of only local interest. We note, however, the chartering of a new Commandery—Malta, No. 25,—at Preston; and the report of the Committee on Grievances, stating that there were no grievances, but that "peace, harmony, and Knightly courtesy, prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction."

Sir Thomas Montgomery, Grand Recorder, presents a thoughtful and well written report on Correspondence. He eliminates from his presentation some things which are commonly included in the papers of reviewers, and summarizes the information given on many subjects. He is sensible and not prolix.

Three pages are accorded to Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The work done by Bro. Finch and ourself in preparing the report on Correspondence last year, receives a practical commendation by several extracts taken therefrom, as well as by the approving statement with which Bro. Montgomery closes his review of our jurisdiction.

Reviewing Vermont he says:

> A "Masonic or Templar occasion" is, in our judgment, a time when Masons or Knights Templar assemble for strictly Masonic, Templar or social purposes, they having full charge of the same. If for social purposes, their families and friends are usually permitted to join with them.

In accordance with the logic of such a statement he does not endorse the Vermont practice of calling out the Commanderies of Knights Templars to perform escort duty on Memorial Day.

Grand Commander, Sir W. H. S. Wright, St. Paul; Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, Sir Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul. R.

MISSISSIPPI, 1894.

The thirty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, held at Holly Springs, February 13 and 14, 1894, was attended by representatives of all the Commanderies (11) of the jurisdiction, all the Grand Officers but five, several Past Grand Commanders, twelve Grand Representatives, and numerous visitors.

Grand Commander Sir S. W. Ferguson presented a brief report of his official doings. One matter which claimed his attention was a desired waiver of jurisdiction, to permit Jacques De Molay Commandery of New Orleans, to confer the Orders of Knighthood on a Companion residing at Bay St. Louis, in Mississippi. The Grand Commander being in doubt as to the proper action in such a case submitted the matter to Sir Frederic Speed, Chairman of Committee, on Templar law, who made response as follows:

> I find no authority under the statutes of the Grand Encampment or our own laws for the *Grand Commander* to waive jurisdiction—that power is vested in the *Commandery* under whose jurisdiction the party lives. As each Commandery in this State covers the entire State, there being no jurisdictional lines, as between our Commanderies, I am at a loss to know how to proceed in such a matter as is now presented. I am clear you have no authority over the matter. The nearest Commandery has no more right to waive jurisdiction over the party than the furthest. It is simply a case not provided for by this Grand Commandery.
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> I do not think any one would complain, in such a case, if a New Orleans Commandery were to proceed and give him the orders, but of course it would have no right to do so. When the Grand Commandery meets we can pass a resolution to cover the case.

Such a resolution, framed by Sir Knight Speed, was adopted by the Grand Commandery, and henceforth all Royal Arch Masons residing in the counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson have permission to receive the Orders in Commanderies at Mobile or New Orleans as they may elect—this general waiver holding good until the further order of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

On the evening of the first day's session the Grand Commandery attended public worship in the Methodist Church, "where the offices of Devotion were observed in a very impressive manner." A collection for the Protestant Orphan Asylum at Natchez, was taken. We favor the custom of engaging in a Special Devotional Service at the annual meetings of Grand Masonic and Templar Bodies, and of utilizing such occasions by making an "offering" to some worthy charity.

Sir Frederic Speed, for the Committee on Templar Law, presented a report pertaining to the conflicting regulations of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in fixing the status of non-affiliated Master Masons. Bro. Speed holds to the absolute sovereignty of Grand Lodges, whose mandate must be observed by all other bodies that bear the Masonic name. The legislation of the Grand Encampment, providing that non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter shall not disqualify for membership in a Commandery, cannot stand, because the Grand Lodge of Mississippi has declared that the status of non-affiliates in that jurisdiction is that of profanes. He suggests that unless the Templar Order makes rules in conformity with Grand Lodge provisions, it becomes schismatic and should be treated accordingly. The report closes as follows:

> The conclusion of the Committee, therefore is, that the law of the Grand Lodge is supreme, and must be obeyed. The non-contributing non-affiliate cannot sit in a Commandery in Mississippi, notwithstanding the law of the Grand Encampment permits him to do so, because the highest power in Masonry, the Grand Lodge, forbids it.

Bro. Speed presents a strong argument in favor of the application of the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty to the widest possible extent. On general principles we agree with him. He seems, however, to imply an interpretation of the rule of Grand Encampment other than that intended by its supporters. It is, as we understand the matter, only such unaffiliates as are not under suspension by action of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction, who are entitled to be candidates for the Orders of Knighthood, or who, being members of a Commandery, are not disqualified for the holding of such membership. When a Grand Lodge acts as the Grand Lodge of Mississippi has—fixing the status of a non-affiliate Mason to be the same as that of a suspended or expelled Mason, there can be no question of disqualification in the Commandery—within that jurisdiction. We think the legislation of the Grand Encampment on the subject does not bar the way to such a logical result.

Sir George De Lap presents his fifteenth report on Correspondence. He writes in his usual sharp and incisive manner, and offers numerous suggestions and criticisms which deserve to be heeded. Referring to his work as a reviewer, Bro. De Lap remarks:

> A service as long and as nearly uninterrupted as ours has been, has the effect to cause us to sort 'o run in a groove, with the result of a sameness that detracts, not a little, from the pleasure of the work. Had we greater talent, a better education and a brighter mind, it would be easier to vary the monotony and enhance the interest of our reports. But as the sun of our earthly pilgrimage approaches nearer and nearer to its setting in the horizon of the grave, we find it harder to deviate from the forms and style made venerable by age and long use, hence we will ask our readers, if we have any, to be as well satisfied with what we give them, as they can.

Bro. De Lap has a style of his own, not without its attractions. He writes forcibly, states his opinions with a refreshing bluntness, and though his words sting a little sometimes we have come to feel that a kind heart guides his trenchant pen. In his latest report, while reaffirming his opinion, shared by the present writer, that it is in better taste and more becoming for a Commandery to attend church without a uniform and carrying swords, he yet makes the following graceful apology for some of his strong writing on that subject. He says:

> Some of our deliverances in last report on the subject of attending divine service, have wounded the sensibilities of some of our friends, whose feelings are sacred to us. We regret the fact that they had cause, but deny that it was found in the feelings and motives that inspired our language. We are not perfect, although so singularly near that point, and have made mistakes. We made a large one in saying that the Grand Commandery of Mississippi annually desecrated God's house by attending divine service in uniform. The charge was a sweeping one, and should not have been made, because we did not mean it as the cold English, in black and white, makes it look Will you forget and forgive on our assurance of unabated confidence in the integrity of the Christian character of the Templars of Mississippi? We are not opposed to devotional services on the occasion of the annual conclaves, or on Templar Holy Days, but on the contrary, are firm believers in them. What we think is wrong —and we certainly have a right to our opinion—is the wearing of the uniform and swords on such occasions, and in this view we think we have the support of God's word as we certainly do that of some of the best and purest of the host.

Bro. De Lap gives three pages to his review of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, commending the report prepared by Bro. Finch and ourself. He copies the whole of our introduction to last year's report on Correspondence, prefacing the quotation as follows:

> The correspondence covers 95 pages and is double-barreled, being the joint production of Bros. Rugg and Finch, and is first-class in all respects. In order that you may fully understand how they "run the machine"—excuse the slang—we copy the "opening chorus," entire, withholding our approval of some of Bro. Rugg's propositions, as we consider a "rapid fire" single-barrel gun superior to what is known as the "machine gun."

Reviewing Montana, Bro. De Lap finds a suggestive text in Bro. Cornelius Hedges' earnest call, *Liberanda est Palestina*, and expresses some interest in the proposed enterprise with which he offers to be associated as quartermaster. This shows the resolute character of our Mississippi brother, for certainly it would be no light task to furnish supplies for a host of Sir Knights such as we may suppose will rally to the standard of Sir Cornelius when he gives the word for a forward movement to deliver Palestine.

Grand Commander, Sir J. C. French, M. D., Natchez; Grand Recorder, Sir J. L. Power, Jackson; Committee on Correspondence, Sir Geo. De Lap, Natchez.

R.

MISSOURI, 1894.

A portrait of Sir Chas. S. Glaspell, Grand Commander for the year ending with the installation of his successor, at the thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, held at Kansas City, April 24, 1894, forms the frontispiece of the substantial and well printed volume of proceedings now in hand.

The session was numerously attended. All the Commanderies in the jurisdiction were represented—fifty-six in number—all the Grand Officers were in their places, twelve Past Grand Commanders were present, and fifty-seven Past Eminent Commanders not otherwise classified. The asylum was draped in mourning out of respect for Sir Geo. C. Connor, whose death occurred a few weeks before the meeting of Grand Commandery.

Grand Commander Glaspell delivered an able address pervaded by exalted ideas and tender sentiments. Referring to losses and bereavements that have recently saddened many jurisdictions, and to the uncertainties of mortal being, he remarks:

> These are serious thoughts. It is well to stop a moment and give them attention. No matter whether the young or the aged shall be called first, let us as Knights Templar, carry our teachings into everyday life, so that when it is ours to close our eyes in death, our souls may find an eternal home, beneath the protecting arm of our Grand Commander; for
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> There is an Asylum,
> And a welcome,
> And a crown,
> And a multitude of Templars are there.

Among his decisions is one to this effect: That a Sir Knight who took a dimit from his Lodge and remained an unaffiliated Master Mason for twelve months, loses his standing in the Commandery, and his name should be stricken from the roll. Such a result would not follow in many Templar jurisdictions; but under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, similar in this respect to those of Mississippi, the decision of the Grand Commander was properly made, and it was approved by the Grand Commandery.

Another of his decisions, also approved by the Grand Body, seems somewhat narrow though conforming to the law and precedents. The Grand Commander concedes the right of a dimitted Sir Knight, residing in Missouri, to apply for membership to any Commandery in the jurisdiction; but if rejected he cannot apply to another, he is held fast bound to his first choice. This makes the unjust law of perpetual jurisdiction binding upon petitioners for affiliation as well as applicants for the Orders. Surely there should be a discrimination, and the rule should be broadened as respects the former class.

Grand Commander Glaspell advocates the most generous help possible to the Masonic Home. Over five thousand dollars were pledged from Templar sources toward providing increased accommodations at this institution. He favors the plan proposed by Grand Commander Soule, of our home jurisdiction, viz.: to extend the annual conclave over two days.

The report on Correspondence is the seventeenth annual production of Sir W. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder. It is a sensible and interesting paper. We concur with Bro. Mayo's expressed opinions regarding the modifying of the rule of perpetual jurisdiction, also regarding the improper use of the word "pilgrimage," in referring to a Templar excursion, and his preference for the title of Knights Templars. We also agree with the implied preference for Ascension Day rather than Easter Sunday as the day for the assembling of Sir Knights for the purposes of Christian worship. As we said in the Report on the subject, made at Denver in 1892, the important thing is to observe one day in the Christian year for such purposes, and one and the same date may not be chosen in all jurisdictions; but let "preference be given to Ascension Day, where the conditions will allow." Under California, referring to Bro. Lippitt's eloquent words on the question, Bro. Mayo adds the following:

> He approves the celebration by Knights Templars of Easter rather than Ascension Day. We are glad he does not wholly endorse the view of the Grand Commander of Louisiana, who does not say so but implies that Easter is a better day because it falls on Sunday, when the Knights have nothing else to do. He puts it on the better reason that "Easter Sunday is the great day, sacred and hallowed in its associations, among Knights Templars." But is not Ascension Day also "sacred and hallowed" among Knights Templars? The death and resurrection were but steps in the grand panorama of our Saviour's mission upon earth. The widow's son of Nain died and was raised to life, but he died again. Jesus was not only resurrected, but he ascended into heaven and died no more, as a type and earnest to us of immortal life.

We have not quite so sympathetic a feeling with the conclusion he reaches respecting the use of fraters instead of fratres. Replying to Bro. Finch, who said in last year's report, "the word fraters belongs to no known language, nor can it be found in any dictionary," Bro. Mayo responds:

> "Fraters" is not found in any dictionary, for the simple reason that dictionaries do not give plurals, unless the formation of the plural is different from the ordinary rule. By the clearest intimation possible, the Century dictionary does authorize the word "fraters," and it only, by giving no plural. We will add that we do not think it *necessary* for any one to use Latin when writing a report in English, unless it be some scientific or technical term for which there is no English equivalent.

Of course we do not dissent from the last sentence of the paragraph quoted.

Bro. Mayo is a large minded and tolerant Sir Knight, as the following extract from his "Conclusion" clearly shows:

> We have endeavored to quote correctly, to comment fairly; and certainly we have honestly endeavored not to "set down aught in malice." As the years go by we learn, or should learn, to be more considerate of the opinions of others, more charitable to seeming faults, less of the opinion that the views we hold, or held, or that are entertained in our particular Grand Jurisdiction, are, or ought to be, the principles that rule the great Masonic world. Let us all, therefore, while "striving earnestly" for principle and upholding the right "as God gives us to see the right," do so with that tolerance and moderation which is becoming to fallible men, recognizing the fact that others in their own way, possibly a better way, are working to accomplish the same great ends.

If writers of Correspondence would but emphasize this need of charity and forbearance, and practice what they preach, they could contribute an important influence toward establishing a true catholicity of feeling such as accords with the genius of Templary. Our belief is that Correspondents generally do lend-a-hand in the way of the desired result. Let them become examples of that character of forbearance, magnanimity, and faithful love, which, beyond any professions of faith, proves an actual resemblance to Christ our Lord. "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

Grand Commander, Sir Thos. R. Morrow, Kansas City; Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Sir Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.

R.

CANADA, 1893.

Because of certain reasons, or rather conditions, which we need not attempt to explain, Canada follows Missouri instead of California on the printed pages of this Report. We apologize for our departure from the alphabetical order in this instance.

It was the tenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, which convened at Ottawa, July 18, 1893. Twenty-eight of the thirty-one subordinate organizations were represented in the annual gathering.

Grand Master Elias T. Malone presided. He delivered an interesting address, reporting his official acts during the year and thereby furnishing evidence of the intelligent and faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties of his position. He had made visits to fourteen of the preceptories and had journeyed long distances to meet such appointments. At these visits he had made stirring appeals to the Sir Knights "to awake from their lethargy" and to attempt larger enterprises, making use of improved methods such as have been used to advantage in the United States. Making a comparison of the two jurisdictions, he asks:

> What cause can you assign for our backward state as compared with that of our neighbors? Have they a greater love for the Order than we? Surely we can copy from them to our advantage.
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> Our nation is eminently a Christian one. We are members of an order that teems with the teachings of the Saviour. Have we therefore not sufficient faith in our religion to make this Christian organization more prosperous? I am afraid that we do not thoroughly appreciate the aims and objects of the Templar Order. Have we no place of usefulness in the world? Are the teachings and practice of Templarism confined to our asylums? What have we done and what are we doing that should entitle us to the confidence and respect of our fellow men?

He urges the adoption of a uniform, the reduction of admission fee, and the holding of triennial conclaves in accordance with the practice which prevails in this country. Acting upon his recommendation a regulation uniform similar to that worn by Knights Templars in the United States was adopted.

Evidently Grand Master Malone is a man of progressive ideas and ready to work for the enlargment of Templary in Canada. He desires to get others at work also; and he does not hesitate to state his opinion that official honors should go to the worker. The committee on his address take the same view. They say:

> We are in thorough sympathy with the strong appeal made by Supreme Grand Master in favor of awarding the offices to those who work, and not to those who simply put in an appearance at our annual meeting of Great Priory. We are equally in sympathy with him in his advocacy of a complete emancipation of the Sovereign Great Priory from Grand Lodge influences. We must remember that the one with which we have coupled our

> itineracy is not the only Grand Lodge in Canada, and that our too close connection with it necessarily excites jealousy and suspicion. It is to be hoped that this Sovereign Grand Body will decide to forever put an end to the partnership which is so displeasing outside of Ontario. With equal force comes the advice that the offices of Great Priory be not too tenaciously held by those whose proximity and convenience enable them to control the votes. If delegates from the Maritime and Western Provinces would only favor us with the light of their countenance and the wisdom which they could add to our councils, we feel sure that Great Priory would be glad to assist them to influential positions.

As signs of progress we note the formation of a new preceptory at Ottawa, and the reviving of a dormant preceptory formerly stationed at Cornwall, but now removed to an adjoining town.

Grand Master Malone declined re-election. He expressed an opinion that rotation in the office of Grand Master was desirable; and he acted upon his convictions, having reference to the best interests of the Order. We quote herewith the conclusion of his able address:

> In taking leave of you I ask you, one and all, from the Grand Master down to the private members, to unite in the noble work of building up the Order of the Temple and in disseminating the Christian doctrine which it teaches, and the only reward I ask is that you will think of me as one who loved the Templar Order and endeavored to discharge his duties to the best of his ability.

An instructive report on Correspondence, furnished by Past Grand Master Henry Robertson, fills seventy-four closely printed pages. He reviews the Proceedings of forty Grand Bodies, including the Grand Encampment..

In his courteous notice of the present writer and of the jurisdiction of Mass. and R. I., he re-affirms his opinion that the expenditure on triennial occasions is in excess of what it should be; but he seems to waver in his adherence to his previous statement, viz.: "That the whole business is a pure waste of money." We should hardly expect that the esteemed frater would be disposed to maintain so radical a position, as the Supreme Grand Master of Canada Knights Templars advocates the holding of triennial conclaves in that country, seemingly on the ground that such occasions are so attractive and so helpful to the Order in the United States. In Bro. Robertson's report now in hand, he says:

> It is the waste of money that we condemn, and our friend must have closed his eyes at Denver if he did not see all around him ample evidences of the too great profusion of entertainment.

We have seen the "too great profusion of entertainment" at Denver and in other places; but our opinion is that all the money thus used is not wasted. It is well to hold the Triennials, to provide for parades, receptions, entertainments, etc., but the excess of display and of expenditure is to be deprecated,—and we stand with you, Bro. Robertson, in believing that there is often an excess in both of the directions noted.

Under Tennessee, he declares the law of Canada respecting the continuance of Templar membership after a Sir Knight has been suspended for non-payment of dues in a Lodge. He says:

> In reply to his query we have to say that in our Templary suspension for non-payment of dues by a members' lodge does not affect his standing as a Templar. If the suspension is for unmasonic conduct, we require that charges shall be preferred against him in his preceptory and a trial had before he is suspended as a Templar. *There are no lodge esoterics practiced in our preceptories.*

The last line has significance. But the fact remains that, under the Canada law, the loss of good standing as a Mason does not affect good standing as a Knight Templar. It is a question whether suspension from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry is not too severe a penalty to be imposed for non-payment of dues, but if such a penalty is sanctioned by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction, must it not follow, according to the fundamental rules and principles of the Masonic and Templar institutions, that good standing in both organizations is affected?

The statement of Bro. Robertson, however, goes beyond the line already marked out. Under the Canada law it appears that a brother, having been tried and convicted by his Lodge for un-Masonic conduct, does not by reason thereof lose his good standing in the preceptory. Charges must be preferred against him there and a new trial had. If the commandery, or preceptory, does not convict, he holds on to his membership and good standing in the Templar organization, albeit he is a suspended Master Mason. To allow such a condition, or result, would work harm to the interests of Freemasonry and Templary. We believe there is no jurisdiction in the United States where the principle involved in the statement of Bro. Robertson, as hereinbefore quoted, would be recognized in its full application.

Reviewing Alabama, he says:

> Frater George F. Moore reports on Correspondence. He objects to the use of the term "Foreign" Correspondence as between themselves in the States, but thinks that we in Canada may use the word correctly. Well, we object to its use just as much as he does. We decline to be "foreign" to our fraters in the States. We claim to belong to the same family and we want to be recognized as such. We speak the same language (only rather better); we have the same essentials in our work; we have the same objects and the same aims; we are both trying to elevate the standard of human morality; and we can join with them in all good works. Then why should we be foreign? The difference in nationality is too slight to separate those of a common brotherhood and who are united by so many ties and in so many ways. We have dropped the word "foreign" from our reports. Now if they will only drop the use of "Sir Knight" and "Sir Jones," and take the word "frater" instead, we will be happy all around.

We concur as to the propriety of eliminating the word "foreign" in designating reports on Correspondence, although the term is officially used in the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I. We are likewise somewhat in sympathy with the suggestion that "frater" be used instead of "Sir Knight" or "Sir Jones." The last named form of address is but seldom used in the United States. It is not in accordance with good taste. If only "Sir" is used as a prefix, most certainly the full name, or initials without a name, should be given. "Frater" belongs to Templary, as well as Freemasonry, and should have frequent use; but after all we like the designation "Sir Knight," and predict that it will find increasing favor with our Canadian brethren.

Supreme Grand Master, Sir E. E. Sheppard, Toronto; Grand Chancellor, Sir Daniel Spry, Barrie; Committee on Correspondence, Sir Henry Robertson, Collingwood. R.

MONTANA, 1893.

A review of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Montana is a portion of the work assigned me as a member of the Committee on Correspondence. I could wish for the sake of the Montana reviewer that this duty had fallen to the lot of Bro. Rugg, and for the following excellent reason which will explain itself. The aforesaid reviewer writes:

> The correspondence report is the joint production of V. E. and Rev. Henry W. Rugg and Grand Prelate P. Voorhees Finch. In the division of labor, Montana fell to the latter, who very naturally found little in our Proceedings of 1891 worthy of notice. One might think the redemption of Palestine would interest one of his profession, but we presume his vision is full of the Canaan beyond. Both write well, with a high appreciation of the dignity and proprieties of their position. But a personal acquaintance with the former lends greater interest to what he says. His idea of a reviewer is a lofty one and he comes as near as any one in attaining it.

We agree heartily in this brief encomium pronounced upon our colleague. One taking him for his ideal as a reviewer, will find that his Knightly and Christian courtesy towards his fraters, forbids his making them the subject of odious comparison; that he is too parliamentary ever to be personal; and that his regard for the well known principles of Freemasonry, would prevent his pen from tracing anything that would at all reflect upon the religion or politics of his brethren. The object of a Committee on Correspondence, I take it, is not so much to approve or condemn the peculiar ideas, and sometimes vagaries, e. g., the Palestine scheme, of their fellow-workers in the review field, as to cull from the proceedings of the various Commanderies, matter bearing upon Templar law, and the general condition, material and otherwise, of the great Order of Knights Templars. With this end in view, that my companion Sir Knights in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, may know of the state of Templarism in Montana, as represented in the proceedings of its Grand Commandery, I will gather in brief, from their contents, what seem to me to be matters of general interest.

The Grand Commandery met in sixth annual conclave, Oct. 10, 1893, at Helena, and was opened in due form.

The Grand Commmander, R.·. E.·. E. D. Aiken, whose portrait impresses one at once in his favor, delivered his address. After referring to the stringency of the times and remarking that the year following Triennial is generally regarded as an off year—a rest from the toils of pilgrimage, he adds:

> Our record shows that by a vote of the Grand Commandery two members were admitted to seats who were without proxies, and the proxies on which their right rested were issued by the Commanderies and not by the officers whom they represented. From this action of the Grand Commandery, Sir Neill gave notice of appeal, and afterwards perfected his appeal and the same was forwarded to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, who returned the same, saying it was not a matter for him to decide, but that it must be sent to the Grand Encampment which meets in Boston in 1895. As the case is back with us again, we think it best to settle it. If we have got off wrong by following the better usage—as we think—of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, let us get back right as soon as we can. It seems that the Grand Encampment, in 1859, had precisely the same case on construction of the Grand Encampment constitution, of which our own is an exact copy. It cannot be expected that the Grand Encampment will hold otherwise in construing our laws than in the original from which it was copied. In taking that law and making it our own we have taken it as it has been construed and must abide by it. Templar law and usages differ in many respects from that of the Blue Lodge and Capitular Masonry. The three principal officers in Grand and Subordinate Commanderies have the right to appoint their own personal proxies, and while the constitutions remain as they are, these rights must be respected and upheld. This matter has been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, and no doubt they will be prepared to report for your action.

Their report was as follows:

> Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the appeal of Sir Neill would respectfully report that in their opinion the ground of the appeal was well taken, and that proxies voted by the Commanderies are irregular and that such proxies should be appointed by the officers represented as their personal right under our Constitution and general Templar usage.

On motion the report was adopted, and thereupon Sir Neill stated that he had no desire to prosecute the appeal to the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Commander makes very graceful allusion, and doubtless as truthful and appropriate as graceful, to his Grand Recorder. This is what he says:

> Ere I make my exit from my present stage of duty, in joyous imitation of my eminent predecessor, and with all my glowing pride for our glorious State's domain, let me here record my exalted admiration for our evergreen Hedges. May he continue to germ, bud and blossom, and beneath his own vine and fig tree receive the well-earned thanks of honest men, and for his counsel and assistance may Heaven be his rest and reward.

We thus return good for evil, and by recording the compliment paid him by his Commander, heap coals of fire on the head of our Montana frater; for the Grand Recorder, and the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who seems to have no special regard for the writer because he failed to make any reference to his Palestine propositions, are one and the same individual.

The Committee on Correspondence is composed of Sirs Hedges, Calkins and Vickers.

There are 8 Commanderies, with 334 members.

Sir Albert L. Babcock, of Billings, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Cornelius Hedges, of Helena, is the E. Grand Recorder. F.

NEBRASKA, 1893–94.

The proceedings of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction for 1893–94, are from a Chicago press, in two separate and distinct volumes, one for each year, and reflect credit as well on the printer as the committee on publication. The fraters of Nebraska have shown excellent taste in their selection of a Templar seal. It is a shield with gold background, on which is a red cross, inscribed upon the arms and body of which are the words "Lux, Rex, Dux, Lex," the letter "x" being at the junction of the arms, head and foot. Beneath the shield is a green scroll bearing the legend "Dominus in Omnibus." The portrait of R. E. Past Commander Edgar C. Salisbury, serves as a frontispiece for the Proceedings of

1893, while that of his successor in office, R. E. Sir Wm. B. Bowen, serves the same purpose in those for 1894. The last named frater on vacating his position as Grand Commander, and resuming that of Grand Recorder, said: "On being continued as Grand Recorder I return thanks to you all for your kindness, especially to my friend Eminent Sir Thomas A. Creigh, who declined to be installed as Grand Recorder, that my continuous service as Grand Recorder since November 13, 1873, might be unbroken."

The proceedings show that R. E. Sir Bowen proved himself to be as faithful and efficient a Commander as Recorder, and as deserving of the confidence and respect of his brethren in the one position as the other. His acts and decisions were in accordance with Templar law, and upon matters of local, rather than general interest. In touching upon the stringency in the money market, he says:

> Our expenses for next year will be smaller than usual because no report on Foreign Correspondence has been prepared for the proceedings of this conclave. It has been a bitter disappointment to me to be compelled to practice such close economy, but I feel that I might as well bear the burden as another, and I hope you will be gratified that we can pay our debts and have something left for the incoming year.

While the course taken is honest and manly, and so the proper one, it is a disappointment to all of us as well as to the Grand Commander, that we are not to hear from his Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Their last report was so admirable that more of the same sort would be most acceptable. Our own jurisdiction received honorable notice in that report, and needs correction in only one particular. R. E. Sir Rugg, my esteemed colleague, is not at rest in Paradise. He is still a very active man on this planet; and judging from his present appearance, it will be many years before he soars aloft to realms of light and everlasting bliss. So mote it be. In that prayer E. Sir Frank E. Bullard, Commander of Palestine Commandery, North Platte, to whose graceful pen we are indebted for the review of our Massachusetts and Rhode Island proceedings, will doubtless join, with the addition that we may all meet in Boston in 1895.

In his address before the Grand Commandery at Fremont, April 11, 1893, R. E. Grand Commander Salisbury made touching allusion to the Knightly dead. Special reference, as was most proper, was made to V. E. Sir Edward A. Allen, Past Deputy Grand Commander of Nebraska, who died January 8, 1893. The tribute paid to his memory closes with these words:

> By a true and upright life as a citizen and by his Masonic integrity, he was honored and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and who sincerely mourn his loss.
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> "The snows of winter kiss
> His new-made tomb. He liveth yet
> And shines in golden memories set,
> To wear a fadeless coronet."

Seven decisions were rendered, one, as follows: "A member objects in writing to an unaffiliated Knight visiting at any future conclave of the Commandery. I hold," is the decision, "that if the member is present he can prevent the Sir Knight from visiting, but not otherwise." This decision is doubtless correct, but the writer can find no law bearing on the subject. Very sensible advice is contained in the following paragraph:

> Many of the Inspectors have filed their reports and from them we are able to see the condition of each Commandery. Some are reported to be in a flourishing and prosperous condition, while a very few are weak and have not attained the standard of perfection we would like to see; however, with careful nursing, I believe that these Commanderies may yet be made a credit to our number. I recommend that the reports of the Inspectors be printed in full with the proceedings of this conclave, giving credit where it is due, and, on the other hand, showing the careless and indifferent in their true light, thereby spurring them to life and action.

Referring to the festivities connected with the triennial at Denver, the Grand Commander says:

> One novel feature of the week's entertainment, which added very much to the pleasure and comfort of our Sir Knights and ladies, as well as a large number of our friends, was the old time six-horse Concord coaches, which were taken from Omaha for our express use; they were the praise and admiration of all who saw them, and helped to distinguish Nebraska

as a royal entertainer. I cannot pass this subject by without referring to the very highly satisfactory manner in which the ladies vied with one another in receiving and entertaining our guests, and if any went away without receiving a buttonaire or an invitation to examine our corn basket and partake of its contents, it was on account of the immense crowds, and not a lack of attention from the ladies. I desire to thank each and every one of them who so untiringly assisted at Grand Commandery headquarters.

The following words tell their own story:

> The growth of the Order during the Templar year is something of which to be proud. The returns show a net gain of fourteen per cent., or a total of 1,580 knights in good standing on the rolls February 28, 1893. This not only shows the growth of the Order, but shows that our Order is one that has the respect and confidence of the world at large. Let us strive, Sir Knights, to merit this confidence, and guard well the outer portals of our asylum.

That the Order continued to prosper in spite of the stringency of the money market during Grand Commander Bowen's administration is evident from the fact that the number of Sir Knights on the rolls Feb. 28, 1894, was 1,656.

The present Grand Commander is R. E. Sir James A. Tulleys, of Red Cloud, and the Grand Recorder is R. E. Sir William R. Bowen, of Omaha.

Sirs William T. Whitmarsh, Frank E. Bullard, and Samuel P. Davidson constitute the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

F.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1893.

The thirty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery was held at Concord, Sept. 26, 1893, and was opened in ample form.

R. E. Grand Commander Thaddeus E. Sanger, after appointing the usual standing committees, delivered his address. From it we gather that his advice having been sought on several questions he rendered decisions as follows: It is necessary for an Eminent Commander, while at work, to dress in full uniform. A Sir Knight having committed suicide while insane, is entitled to Templar burial. The following question, "from whom shall the request of waiver of jurisdiction come, in case of a rejected candidate wishing to join another Commandery, the rejected candidate or the Commandery he wishes to join?" was referred to M. E. G. M. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, who replied, "that the request should come from the rejected candidate, and that no Commandery should receive his petition unless accompanied by the waiver of jurisdiction." The recommendation of the Grand Commander that Commanderies should be allowed to attend religious services on the festival of the Ascension and Easter Day, in full uniform, without dispensation, was disapproved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, on the ground that it would be in violation of Title XII, Section 31, Code of Statutes of Grand Encampment, which reads, "Commanderies shall not appear in public as such, without the permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions."

The jurisdiction has met with irreparable loss in the death of R. E. Past Grand Commander John James Bell, who died at Manchester, August 22, 1893. The Grand Commander's very feeling allusion to the sad event in his address, is supplemented by a report from the obituary committee, which, in its history and analysis of a truly noble character, is a model paper. As the distinguished frater was as well known in our own jurisdiction as in Maine and New Hampshire, in which states severally, he made his Masonic career, liberal extracts concerning him are taken from the proceedings of our sister jurisdiction, lack of space alone preventing the incorporation of the entire admirable report of the obituary committee. Thus it is written:

> Brother Bell was born at Chester, October 30th, 1827, and died at Manchester, August 22d, 1893. He came of a distinguished ancestry. His grandfather, Hon. Samuel Bell, was a member of the legislature and speaker of the house for two years; was state senator, member of the executive council; Governor, Justice of the Superior Court of the State, and in the United States Senate for twelve years. His father, Hon. Samuel D. Bell, was in his early days prominent as a citizen and business man; was afterwards county solicitor, several terms a member of the legislature, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

His Masonic career was one of the most remarkable within our knowledge. During his connection with the grand bodies in Maine and New Hampshire he performed a very large amount of work on various important committees, and was always zealous and watchful in attending to those duties, which are oftentimes of the greatest consequence to the craft. As an indication of the fidelity with which he discharged his duty as a Mason, it is noteworthy that of the fifty-seven annual and semi annual communications held by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, after he became a member he was present at fifty four, and that two of the three exceptions occurred while he was in Europe. He served eight years upon the Committee on Lodges, seven years upon the Committee on Trials and Appeals and nine years upon the Committee on Correspondence, in our own Grand Lodge, also in numerous posts of importance in the Grand Chapter, and upon the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Commandery, having been chairman of that committee for several years.

Probably one of the most important services rendered to the fraternity was his preparation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, 1869, a statement of fundamental law which has stood the test of time, with little need of change, and is conceded to be one of the soundest grand constitutions in the country.

He was an able masonic jurist, a skilful and accomplished ritualist, and a well-informed historian. There have been few members of the fraternity throughout the country possessed of such a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the history, laws, rituals and doctrines of masonic institutions, in the various organizations; a knowledge not only of principle and theory, but eminently practical, with a power of generalization and application which made it useful to the fraternity.

For nearly forty-four years he had been a Mason, and for more than forty-two years a member of our knightly Order—an earnest, active, faithful, valiant and magnanimous Templar. No better record can be made; no more honorable position can be attained; no more eloquent and expressive eulogy can be pronounced.

There are two standards by which mankind are judged; neither alone can afford a complete and satisfactory estimate of character and achievement. The standard of intrinsic worth gives the highest judgment possible, and demands the severest tests; but the standard of comparison is the more practical, and fixes the value of men and things by the necessary yet ever changing rule of human experience. The life and character of our deceased friend and brother stands well the test of both methods. The prominent features of his character were clearly defined and seemed to exercise a distinct and controlling influence upon his action. They were not subordinated to influences arising from the emotional part of his nature, but, as positive and irresistible agencies, asserted themselves in all his thoughts and deeds with a decisive force.

He was eminently an honest man, in all the meaning that attaches to the word, and—if there is anything real in the distinction sometimes made that honor is a higher and more knightly characteristic—then Sir Knight Bell possessed that also in a controlling degree.

He was a fearless and self-reliant man, standing boldly—and alone if need be—for that which he deemed to be right. Opposition and disapproval, be it never so formidable, even when accompanied by unworthy and unjust criticism, had no terrors for him. He was steadfast and true, once having determined upon the right. He was a loyal man, and possessed in a high degree that element of character which makes patriotic citizens, devoted friends, and faithful brethren.

He was a just man, and in passing judgment upon the acts or motives of others was always actuated by a spirit of fairness and a resolute determination that no wrong should be done. With his strong nature, fixed in his beliefs, severe with those who had violated the laws, he was full of kind and generous impulses and tolerant toward those with whom he differed.

In the public and political affairs of the state he bore an important and conspicuous part. Few men in late years exercised greater or more beneficial influence in shaping the legislation of the state. He was a member of the legislature in 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889 and 1891, and during these repeated terms of service was among the leaders of the house, holding positions of great importance. His thorough knowledge of the history of legislation and his familiarity with parliamentary law and practice, enabled him to engage effectively in debate—often without a moment's preparation—making him an influential and valuable member, while his high character and unquestioned integrity gave him a pre-eminence attained by few of his contemporaries.

In many other ways he had rendered valuable service to the state, among them his efforts in behalf of the insane poor; as a member of the committee upon the state library, and as a member of the commission to establish the boundary line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts. For many years he had labored prominently in the New Hampshire Historical Society and had been its Secretary, Vice-President and President, and was also a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. In all of these he took a deep interest and performed useful service. Upon historical subjects he was regarded as an authority and his opinions and advice upon these topics were frequently sought. He was the author of various instructive papers and creditable literary productions, notably his oration at "Hampton's Quarter-Millennial," and his address upon the "Rockingham County Bar in the days of Webster and Mason." He was a student and thinker along many other lines and had made of himself a man of high culture and attainments.

His Masonic record, being only a list of the offices held by him, covers a page and a half of the proceedings, the publication of which was delayed in order that his portrait, a speaking likeness, might be bound with the obituary report which is from the pen of R. E. Sir Knight Joseph W. Fellows.

Three other departed fraters, well known and distinguished in the jurisdiction, E. Sir Knights Thomas Abbot Pilsbury, Hiram Dayton Wood, and Sir Knight William Grace Billings receive full and honorable mention in the same report.

The total membership for 1893, is 1,821, being an increase in membership in the ten Commanderies of 81.

Sir Knight Charles Carroll Hayes, of Manchester, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight George Perley Cleaves, of Concord, is the E. Grand Recorder. Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Sir Knights Albert S. Wait, Newport; Albert S. Batchellor, Littleton; Nathan P. Hunt, Manchester.

To the first named of these fraters, R. E. Past Grand Commander A. S. Wait, who prepared the report of the Committee published in the last proceedings, our jurisdiction is indebted for full, honorable and courteous mention.

F.

NEW JERSEY, 1894.

The thirty-sixth annual conclave of this Grand Commandery was held at Trenton, May 8, 1894, and was opened in ample form.

The R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Warren Dobbs, after appointing the standing committees of the conclave, proceeded to deliver his address. Under the head of "Necrology" he makes mention of three distinguished members of the New Jersey Grand Commandery, and of 14 belonging to other Grand Jurisdictions. A page is also inscribed to the memory of 16 Sir Knights of Subordinate Commanderies.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approved of all of the recommendations made in the address, and added:

> In conclusion, we specially wish to commend the high sense of duty that has actuated the Grand Commander and his associate officers in their attention to the Subordinate Commanderies. The claims of duty can never be set aside with impunity. When we accept the honors granted by the courtesy and preference of our *fratres* we know that it involves some self-sacrifice, but we have the satisfaction of knowing also that it confers on others a happiness that is reflected upon ourselves. The virtues which we all respect and admire are chiefly composed of efforts to secure the well-being of ourselves and others. There can never be true happiness where a sense of duty is avoided. We, therefore, congratulate this Grand Body that its officers have proven true to the trust confided in them, and that as they advance and retire they will receive the well-earned reward of "Well done, good and faithful servants."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence, a well digested and carefully prepared document, is by R. E. Past Commander Chas. Bechtel, whose portrait appears as a frontispiece to the proceedings. He gives ample space to our jurisdiction in a kind and courteous notice, which makes the regret all the greater, that, from some inexplainable cause, New Jersey was not noticed in our last year's review. From the fact that our own Grand Recorder, one of the most careful and systematic of men, received the proceedings, the blame will have to rest upon the shoulders of the writer, notwithstanding that after strict search in the place where Masonic papers are kept, the book is still not to be found. A Jerseyman by birth, the writer would on no account intentionally neglect in any particular, a spot that is associated with his tenderest memories, and for whose people, especially her Sir Knights, he has always entertained a feeling of pride. When anything goes wrong it is the most natural thing in the world to place the fault at somebody else's door. Officiating once at a funeral in a neighboring town, the corpse which was to come from New York, failed to arrive. The undertaker was in a fine frenzy. The people were assembled. The minister was there. But there was no one to bury. It was evident from his looks that the undertaker felt that the fault was in his department. But he was equal to the emergency, and exonerated himself to the entire satisfaction of all present. "Friends," he exclaimed, "the remains having failed to make connections, this funeral will be postponed until the arrival of this afternoon's train." We will put it all on the proceedings. They failed to connect.

In addition to the portrait already mentioned, the proceedings contain one of R. E. Sir William F. Muchmore, who was Grand Commander in 1892–93.

The present membership of the sixteen Commanderies in the jurisdiction, is 1,655.

Sir Knight James McCain, of Trenton, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Charles Bechtel, of the same city, is the E. Grand Recorder. He is also associated with Sir Knights W. W. Goodwin and Edward Cliff in the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. F.

NEW YORK, 1893.

The eightieth annual conclave of this Grand Commandery was held at Buffalo, Sept. 12, 1893, and was opened in ample form, Sir and Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, E. Grand Prelate offering prayer and closing with the Lord's Prayer, in which all joined.

Addresses of welcome were severally made by Sir Charles F. Bishop, Past Commander of Lake Erie Commandery, No. 20, and Mayor of the city of Buffalo, in behalf of the citizens, and Sir Christopher G. Fox, P. G. S. Warden, in behalf of the two Commanderies of the city, to which appropriate responses were made by Sir Edward L. Gaul, R. E. Grand Commander, whose portrait, together with that of Sir George Warner Walgrove, Past Grand Commander, who died August 17, 1893, adorns the proceedings. In the course of his response to the welcome of the Commanderies, the Grand Commander said:

> Twice within ten years fire has swept over you, destroying your rooms, many of your records and your paraphernalia, and causing almost total loss, but each time you have rallied in your might and entered upon the work of reconstruction with willing hands and generous hearts, and to-day we meet in your new temple, one of the most beautiful in the state.

After appointing seven standing committees to serve during the conclave, the R. E. Grand Commander delivered his annual address. He congratulates the Sir Knights that owing to their energy, activity and loyal devotion, the Order in New York has so increased in membership, financial strength and influence, that it stands to-day the first Templar jurisdiction in the world. We do not dispute the inclusive proposition thus affirmed, although on the single point of numerical standing the figures of the Grand Recorder of Massachusetts and Rhode Island show a somewhat different aggregate. The comparison between the two jurisdictions, as regards Templar membership, shows only a small excess on the one side or the other. But New York excels in territory and population, and in the nature of things ought to have the largest Templar constituency. That New York is great in influence and financial strength cannot be questioned. Association of ideas recalls a funny incident which transpired in New York thirty years ago in the great church which stands on Broadway, at the head of Wall street. The sexton, David Lyon, a large man, who had charge of the Christmas decorations, came into the vestry room with the request that he might place over the lecturn, in German text, the legend, "The Bible, the Biggest Book in the World." "You may," was the reply of the witty clergyman in charge, "if you will place beneath it in the same text, Trinity Church, the Biggest Church, and David Lyon, the Biggest Sexton." New York and size seem to go together ecclesiastically, as well as politically and Masonically.

Judging from the record of his labors as contained in the proceedings, New York's Grand Commander must have given up every moment of his year of office to the interests of his jurisdiction. His aim from start to finish, was to raise the tone of Templarism in every department of its work. In the enforcement of law, in the preservation of the landmarks of the Order, in ritual and tactics, and in exercising the amenities of his high office, even to the extent of writing to the newly elected Commanders of his charge, he manifested an unflagging spirit. Under the heading "Our Dead," he thus alludes to an E. Sir Knight who was well known throughout the Order generally:

> It was my ardent hope that I should close my official term with the circle of Grand and Past Grand Officers unbroken, but this was not to be, for on the evening of August 17th, the great white scroll was unrolled,

> and upon it the angel of Death recorded the name of Sir Knight Geo. W. Walgrove, Past Grand Commander. Probably no one was better known throughout the jurisdiction than our deceased frater. Enthusiastic in his devotion to the Order, he was always present at Triennials and our Annual Grand Conclaves, and a frequent visitor at gatherings of our Subordinate Commanderies. For many years past he has been the Grand Representative of Connecticut near New York, and seldom missed an Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the state that had thus honored him—an example to be imitated. As a man he was genial, courteous, and of knightly bearing. He lived a pure, wholesome life, and died as one who "wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." Peace be to his ashes. Due notice of the sad event was sent to Connecticut.

The question as to the effect upon a Templar's standing when dropped from the roll of Lodge or Chapter for nonpayment of dues, having been raised, and it having been found that the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of New York on the subject, differed from the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, it was very properly decided that New York must yield to the Grand Encampment.

In the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Sec. 17, Title XXIII, page 45, reads as follows:

> Striking from the roll is ordinarily not expulsion or suspension, but results in non-affiliation merely, and if striking from the roll under the law of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction, merely deprives the person of membership in his Lodge or Chapter, it has no effect upon the general standing of the Sir Knight or his membership in this Commandery.

This decison was sustained by a majority of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. But the minority report of the committee, claimed that each Grand Body, being a sovereign body, has the exclusive right to determine the qualifications *for its own* membership, and hence that the Regulation adopted in the New York conclave of 1891, must determine the question. It reads as follows:

> Unaffiliation or suspension for non-payment of dues by Lodge or Chapter shall deprive a Sir Knight of his membership in the Commandery until such unaffiliation or suspension shall cease, or his dues be paid.

The majority report was on motion, received and the recommendations adopted. On all his other rulings the Grand Commander was sustained by both committee and Commandery.

An interesting event in the experience of the Grand Commander, was the Knighting at Gloversville, Feb. 14, of Sir Thomas H. Brown, who had attained the remarkable age of 102 years. The regret is expressed that this young Sir Knight died in the early summer.

The report of the Committee on Necrology is an admirably prepared paper, and contains in its list of honorably mentioned dead, our own Sir Nathan S. Kimball, D. G. C.

The report of the E. Grand Recorder, Sir Robert Macoy, is, it is almost needless to say, a document that is perfect in every particular; and is supplemented by a paper on "The Knightly Courtesies of the Christian Order of Knighthood," that ought to be read by every Sir Knight, not only in America, but elsewhere. It is full of the noblest sentiments, and is in every way worthy of the pen of its distinguished author.

The D. G. C., Sir John H. Bonnington, to whom was assigned the inspection of Little Falls Commandery, No. 26, reports that on the occasion of his official visit, he conferred the Order of Malta on sixty-two Sir Knights, "which is perhaps the largest number at any one time on whom the Order has been conferred, at least in recent years." At the Grand Conclave, after the election of officers, this Commandery presented the above named E. Sir Knight with "an elegant Grand Commander's Sword and Belt, as a token of respect for frequent favors bestowed at his official visits during the past seven years."

Among the other interesting episodes of this conclave was the presentation to the Grand Commandery by its retiring head of a beautiful "Silver Collaret, to be worn by the Grand Commander, and to which is pendant the Patriarchal Cross, made of Charter Oak, bound with gold."

Sir Horace A. Noble, in behalf of the officers of the Grand Commandery, in glowing and Knightly remarks, presented to Sir Edward L. Gaul, R. E. Grand Commander, a costly diamond solitaire, which was feelingly received, and the remarks eloquently responded to by the recipient.

And to complete the honors fairly won, and justly deserved by Sir Knight Gaul, it was, on motion of Sir and Rev. Cornelius L. Twing,

> *Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery tender to the retiring Grand Commander, Sir Edward L. Gaul, our earnest and sincere expression of appreciation for the knightly and able manner in which he has discharged the duties of all the stations in our line.
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> We honored him with our confidence by conferring upon him all the honor it was in our power to bestow, by making him R. E. Grand Commander, and he has honored us, notably, by maintaining the proud position Templarism has ever held in this jurisdiction, but also by his zeal and energy has again placed the Order in our State at the head of the line of Valiant and Magnanimous Knights in the world.
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> He has returned to us unsullied the emblem of power entrusted to him, and now as we close this conclave of this Grand Commandery, we would proffer to him our best wishes for health and prosperity during all the days of his years.
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> *Resolved*, That a committee of three be named to prepare and present him with a suitable testimonial of our esteem and recognition of his services.

The report on Correspondence is signed by Sir Knights, Jesse B. Anthony, Thomas C. Hodgson and Edward P. Magoun, who with the exception of the last named frater, his place being taken by Sir William J. Maxwell, constitute the Committee for the present year. It is a carefully prepared and able paper covering 102 pages. Our jurisdiction receives its full mede of praise; and all the kind words spoken are heartily reciprocated. The writer may be wrong, Bro. Anthony, in the West Virginia matter, for he is no Nestor in Templar law; but as between *hiatus* and *void*, he still claims that void is the better word, though the old, time-honored word *vacancy* is the best of all.

The total membership of the jurisdiction as reported by Grand Recorder Macoy is 10,018, leading this jurisdiction by 107.

Sir John H. Bonnington, of Brooklyn, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Robert Macoy, address, 319 Broadway, New York, is the E. Grand Recorder. F.

North Carolina, 1894.

The fourteenth annual conclave convened at the asylum of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, in the city of Charlotte, May 8, 1894, and was opened in ample form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

After the Committee on Credentials had reported, the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Francis M. Moye, appointed eight standing committees, and then delivered his annual address. It is a carefully prepared document, and urges that no hasty action be taken on any question brought before the Grand Commandery, but that plenty of time be given to the careful and patient consideration of every matter of importance that may be presented. Appropriate reference is made to the Knightly dead, and especially to the loss sustained by the Grand Commandery in the death of E. Sir George Lampman:

> Turning my eyes to the station of the Grand Senior Warden I look in vain, Sir Knights, for the familiar form of one who in life we loved and delighted to honor. We miss to-night the genial presence, the open, candid face and warm handshake of our lamented frater, George Lampman. He was indeed a true, generous, noble hearted man and Mason, and on his breast to be seen of all men he wore the pure white rose of Knightly honor.

Very excellent counsel is given in the matter of granting dispensations, especially those to ballot on petitions in less than the statutory time. Such dispensation should only be granted on condition that in every instance, all the members be given due notice of the proposed action of the Commandery.

The following decisions were rendered:

> Question from Charlotte Commandery, No. 2: Could seven Sir Knights of our Commandery and one Sir Knight from another Commandery as a visitor open and transact business in the Commandery?
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> Answer—No.
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> Question 2—In the event that business was done in a Commandery opened as above, would petitions presented and referred be illegal if acted upon by committee of investigation and reported favorably?

> Answer—Yes. A Commandery cannot be opened unless there be present the Warrant, one of the first three officers, and at least eight other regular members of the Commandery—in other words, nine is a quorum in the absence of which no business can be transacted, but a quorum of the members being present the vote of a less number is valid.

Reference was made to the Triennial Conclave to be held in Boston, and the importance of taking immediate action in the matter. We hope to see our fraters from North Carolina there, with full ranks.

Speaking of the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, the Grand Commander says:

> Viewed from every standpoint, I am most happy to report, so far as my knowledge extends, the satisfactory condition of the Order in the State. No contention has arisen among us; no vexed question has come up to mar the peace and harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction. .
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> One new Commandery has been organized during the year, and most of the Subordinate Commanderies will, I think, show some increase in membership for the same period. The financial condition of the Grand Commandery is most gratifying, our treasury showing a comfortable balance in our favor. With our sister Grand Jurisdictions relations of the most cordial and fraternal nature exist, while I am glad to note pleasant and complimentary mention of us by some of their correspondents.
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> The work of the Grand Commander's office has been exceedingly light and in every way most agreeable the past year.
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> The burden imposed upon me has indeed been an easy one to bear, and what I have been able to do for the Order has seemed more a labor of love than otherwise. This has been rendered doubly so, because of the valuable assistance received from our very efficient Grand Recorder, E. Sir H. H. Munson, whose promptness and faithfulness in the dispatch of business is beyond all praise.

The report of the Grand Recorder proves that this commendation is worthily bestowed. It furnishes a very clear, and, at the same time, succinct account of the transactions of his office; and towards its close contains this brief but eloquent eulogy of the lamented frater who held the same office in Tennessee:

> I cannot close this brief report without noticing the death of George Cooper Connor, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, who departed this life March 9, 1894. Not only in his own State, but with the Fraternity at large his loss will be severely felt. Associated with him upon the Ritual Committee for a short period only, I think I formed a pretty good estimate of the man. He was an Irishman—an intelligent Irishman, and whenever you find such an one, they are generally choice spirits. I cannot do better, or convey my appreciation of his character in more fitting terms than to quote from his obituary notice: "His wonderful versatility, matchless qualities of head and heart, comprehensive learning, untiring industry, magnetism, and attractive social qualities, endeared him to all of those favored by his acquaintance."

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of P. E. C. Sir John C. Chase, and is a model of its kind, retaining the interest of the reader from its beginning to its close. It is a review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, and is characterized throughout by a Knightly and courteous spirit.

Referring to my rejoinder to Sir Knight Blount's assumption that preachers ought to make the best reviewers because they have an abundance of time at their disposal, he suggests that I probably have not reached the point where I can start in at the other end of my barrel of sermons. The writer pleads guilty to the truth of the suggestion; for some years ago the late Samuel Bowles, the then editor of *The Springfield Republican*, asked his friend, the Unitarian clergyman of this town, how many sermons it took to fill a barrel. He measured, and found that it required exactly two thousand for the purpose, and so reported to Mr. Bowles, who, in acknowledging his letter, wittily asked whether his discovery belonged in the arithmetics, under *dry* measure or *long* measure. The barrel cannot be tipped. It is not full by at least a thousand; and when the barrel is looked at with the thought of tipping it, it is always with the fear that its contents may be both long and dry.

Sir Knight Alphonse H. Cobb, of Asheville, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Horace H. Munson, of Wilmington, is the E. Grand Recorder.

Sir John C. Chase, P. E. C., of Wilmington, is Correspondent. F.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1893.

The fourth annual conclave of this Grand Commandery assembled in the city of Jamestown, June 9, 1893, and was opened in ample form.

Having appointed the usual standing committees, the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Robert E. Wallace, delivered his annual address. From it we gather that our Order in this, one of the youngest of our jurisdictions, is in a most flourishing condition. The Grand Commandery was never better off, financially than at the present time. All the Commanderies have added to their membership, and, what is of special note, of the best material; and three dispensations to organize new Commanderies, have been issued.

The death is announced of E. Sir John Davidson, Past Commander of Tancred, No. 1, and a member of the Grand Commandery. The Committee on Necrology say of him:

> He was notably a man of strong character, a manly soul. We miss him for himself, and his good example as a most worthy Sir Knight. He was a force in human affairs, and especially in our Order. He fulfilled all his duties as a man and a Mason faithfully and unostentatiously. May we remember his upright career and take better courage from his Knightly conduct for our own careers.

In the course of his address the Grand Commander referred in fitting terms to the terrible calamity which had befallen Fargo, in the fire which devastated that city, rendering many of its citizens houseless and destitute. The Masonic Temple was destroyed together with its contents, including Masonic Library and records. On the recommendation of the special committee to whom the consideration of this sad disaster was referred, the sum of $250 was appropriated by the Grand Commandery, for the benefit of the distressed citizens, and the Grand Commander was authorized to use his discretion in the expenditure of the fund.

The new ritual, the Christmas toast and other matters of general and local interest, receive appropriate mention in this brief, but comprehensive and well-written address.

Both the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, who is also the Committee on Correspondence, and evidently a man of affairs, agreed that it would be much better for their young Grand Commandery not to indulge in the luxury of a printed review of the proceedings of the various Grand Bodies, but in lieu thereof to gather together in compact form for practical use, the Regulations, By-Laws, and Decisions of the Grand Commandery, as embodied in the several publications of the Grand Body. This action was heartily endorsed by the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, who recommended the following resolution which was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be and is hereby authorized to have 400 copies of the Grand Commandery proceedings of 1890, 1891 and 1892, printed in one volume, eliminating all non-essential matter, and that he be directed to receive bids for such printing from responsible printing establishments within this Grand Jurisdiction.

There is sound, good, common sense at the helm of this Grand Commandery, sustained by an abundance of the same kind of article on the part of the fraters of the jurisdiction.

The total increase of members during the past year has been 100, the present membership being 352.

Sir Knight Roswell W. Knowlton, of Fargo, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Frank J. Thompson, of the same city, is the E. Grand Recorder, and also the Committee of one on Foreign Correspondence. F.

OHIO, 1893.

The Grand Commandery of this State assembled in its fifty-first annual conclave, at Columbus, Oct. 10, 1893, and, guards having been duly stationed, the Board of Trade Auditorium being the place of assembly, was opened in ample form.

Two events were associated with this conclave which rendered it one of marked interest, as the following invitation sent to all the Commanderies in the State will show:

> Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, K. T., courteously invite you to be present at and assist in the reception to be tendered the Grand Command-

ery of Ohio. at Columbus, Ohio, October tenth and eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of said Grand Commandery, and seventy-fifth anniversary of Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1.

Nearly all the Commanderies in the jurisdiction responded to this invitation by their presence. The Sir Knights were accompanied by their ladies. There were welcoming addresses on behalf severally of the city and the entertaining Commandery, with appropriate responses. There was a grand parade. There was a reception informal, and another, the great feature of the occasion, at the Chittenden Auditorium, which was formal. The following description of it from the *Ohio State Journal*, is embodied in the Prœludium to the Proceedings:

> A fitting and grand finale to the pleasures of the conclave was the reception, banquet and ball at the Fourteenth Regiment armory last evening. The meeting throughout has been one of uninterrupted pleasure from the time the gallant Knights and their fair ladies took possession of the capital city, and it was nothing more than fitting that the best and grandest of the many entertainments should be reserved for the last. And such it was. The reception last evening may have been equaled in gorgeousness by some former entertainment, but it was never surpassed, and to the members of Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, too much praise cannot be given. The attendance was large, the costumes worn by the ladies models of excellence, the music the sweetest and perfectly resistless, and to the merry strains of the waltz both old and young joined in the seductive pleasures of the enchanting enjoyment.
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> The decorations at the armory were never before on as an elaborate scale and were as beautiful as they were elaborate. In the dancing hall the artistic taste displayed was simply marvelous and called forth from the immense gathering many exclamations of praise for those who had this part of the program in hand. The immense floor for a space of 90x150 feet was covered with snowy-white linen for the dance and promenade. On the outside of the space, running around the whole length of the hall, were placed benches covered with the same kind of material as that on the floor. At the west side of the hall was erected the stand for the musicians. At the north end was the raised platform occupied by the Grand and Past Grand Officers present. These stands as well as the entire room were handsomely bedecked with fresh palms and ferns and on the floor at regular intervals were placed potted plants and ferns. While the walls and floor had been carefully looked after, the ceiling and upper part of the hall had not been overlooked. This had been so thickly and artistically adorned with tropical plants that the entire upper portion of the immense building was hid from sight and presented the appearance of an out-door scene. Large streamers were suspended from the ceiling and at the end of each was a Japanese lantern, some inverted, and hanging from them natural plants of many varieties. Interspersing all the other decorations were the Templar cross and other emblems of the Order. As a whole the ball-room was a perfect beauty's bower.
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> The banquet hall was another wonderful work of the decorator's art. Extending the whole length of the room from north to south were rows of tables loaded with the daintiest and most inviting lunch. Around the walls in this room were tropical decorations on a magnificent scale. The tables were elaborately adorned with fresh cut flowers. The banquet was not served in courses, but at 10 o'clock the doors were thrown open, and from that hour until the close the guests were constantly served by a corps of polite and well-drilled waiters.
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> The souvenir napkins were ordered by Mt. Vernon Commandery in June. They left Kobe, Japan, September 4, Yokohama, September 14, San Francisco, October 4, and arrived at the custom-house here yesterday morning, making the 6,000 miles in thirty-six days. They are the most novel ever imported.

We congratulate our fraters on the thoroughly successful celebration of the two events so notable in their Masonic history.

In the midst of these festivities the Grand Commandery found time and opportunity for its sessions, and the accomplishment of its work.

The address of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Martin J. Houck, is an admirably written paper, and shows a very prosperous condition of the Order in Ohio. In the obituary notices in the address, reference is made to the loss sustained in this jurisdiction, in the death of V. E. Sir Nathan S. Kimball.

The acts and decisions of the Grand Commander were approved by the committee to whom they were referred. There is a warning against the clandestine Commandery of K. T., lately established in Columbus, and the announcement that Mt. Vernon, No. 1, is the only legally constituted Commandery of Knights Templars, in that city.

The Grand Commandery together with many Subordinate Commanderies, acted as escort to the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Ohio Masonic Home, at Springfield; and by special invitation, the Grand Commander was present at, and participated in, the dedication of the beautiful and imposing new Masonic Temple at Mansfield. The Master Masons were escorted in a parade which preceded the dedicatory exercises, by 300 Templars in line.

In laying down the jewel of his office to be taken up by the hands of another, the Grand Commander requested that the same consideration be shown to his successor as had always been extended to himself.

Bound up with the proceedings, is a very able and complete Historical Sketch of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Ohio, covering the semi-centennial period of its existence, from the pen of R.·. E.·. D. N. Kinsman, M. D., Past Commander of Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1. This paper is very properly preceded by two portraits, one of R. E. Sir Michael Z. Kreider, first Grand Commander of the Order in Ohio, and the other of E. Sir William J. Reese, Knighted in Mt. Vernon Commandery, May 22, 1830—Grand Captain General in 1841, and the reorganizer of said Commandery the same year. He was the first Scottish Mason made in Ohio. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. It is impossible to quote from the Historical Sketch. The whole of it should be read.

The report on Foreign Communications is the eighteenth one prepared by Sir Enoch Terry Carson, R. E. Past Grand Commander of the Order in Ohio. It it a well digested document, written in his bright, epigrammatic style, and holds the interest of the reader throughout.

Following it as a balance to the Prœludium of the Proceedings, are two scholarly papers from the pen of the same able and accomplished writer. The first is entitled, "The National Ritual of the Orders of Knight of the Red Cross and Knight Templar. Historical sketch of its first authentic recorded beginning at San Francisco, in 1883, its adoption at St. Louis in 1886, the proposed revision at Washington in 1889, and the adoption of the revision at Denver in 1892, with a review of the revised national ritual as adopted at Denver." This paper demonstrates that there is a national ritual for Knights Templars, and that it is not satisfactory to Sir Carson.

The second paper is on the "History of the organization of the (General) Grand Encampment of Knight Templars of the United States," and is "a reply to an article written by P. G. M. James H. Hopkins, published in the *Freemasons Repository*, January, 1893." The points in this document are, it seems to the writer, well taken. The question, however, is a vexed one, and doubtless an answer will soon be forthcoming from the party of the other part.

The volume of proceedings contains 344 pages, and has for its frontispiece a portrait of Grand Commander Houck.

The present R. E. Grand Commander is Sir Henry P. McIntosh, of Cleveland, and the E. Grand Recorder is Sir John Nelson Bell, of Dayton.

Foreign Correspondence: Sir Knights E. T. Carson, W. M. Cunningham, Allen Andrews, T. E. Peckinpaugh, Joseph M. Spencer.

There are 7,376 Sir Knights in this jurisdiction. F.

OREGON, 1893.

This Grand Commandery met in its seventh annual conclave, at Eugene, Oct. 12, 1893, and was opened in ample form.

A communication from the Grand Treasurer, Sir B. G. Whitehouse, accounting for his absence for the first time since the organization of the Grand Commandery, having been read, and the Committee on Credentials having reported, the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir S. M. Goran, delivered his address. He extends a Knightly greeting and hearty welcome to the members, and congratulates them on the prosperity and harmony apparent in every Subordinate Commandery. He states that he has visited four of the six Commanderies, chartered and U. D., which constitute the jurisdiction, and participated with them in their hospitable courtesies. In alluding to the Knightly dead, he dwells feelingly and at length, on the great loss sustained by the Sir Knights, in the decease of their Most Excellent Grand Prelate, Thomas McFadden Patton. Suitable reference is also made to the death of Sir Knight Dr. John B. Lee, "who was highly esteemed by his associates in the healing art, and always maintained the character of an honorable citizen and upright Mason."

The Knightly dead in other Grand Jurisdictions, our own included, receive honorable mention. The balance of the address concerns matters of purely local importance; and the one decision of the Grand Commander was approved, and his recommendations endorsed by the several committees to whom they were referred.

The ceremonies at the installation of the newly elected officers of the Grand Commandery, were public to the families of the Sir Knights, and were followed by a banquet given by Ivanhoe, No. 2, which was greatly enjoyed by the participants.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, covers 82 pages, and was prepared by the then V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, J. M. Hodson, now, by the suffrages of his fraters, the R. E. Grand Commander of the jurisdiction. We congratulate him on his elevation to that high office.

Our jurisdiction receives a kind and complimentary notice. The position taken in our report on Foreign Correspondence on the subject of representation in the Grand Encampment, is criticised in a friendly manner, and the suggestion made that while, if adopted, Oregon, at present, would hardly make a ripple on the surface of the deliberations of that body, yet the time might come when the shoe would be on the other foot. The Pacific Northeast is rapidly growing, and the broad acres in Oregon will soon have a dense population, larger than that of all New England. Then indeed, we would have to take a back seat, and it would be no more than fair that we should do so. But we would content ourselves with the feeling that we were in an assembly of fraters belonging to an Order founded on the Christian religion, and the practice of the Christian virtues. We will be willing to trust Oregon, should our position on representation ever be approved, which it probably never will be, when that moment so auspicious for that rapidly growing and enterprising section of our common country, shall have arrived. In the meantime, we are glad to hear all the good things possible, Masonically and otherwise, concerning Oregon; for while we are citizens of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, we are also Americans, and we devotedly love the whole, grand country of which our two States are only a little part. We believe it to be a Christian virtue to encourage the national feeling.

The following is the conclusion of this excellent, well-digested report:

> And now, dear fraters, our work is finished. The report is for you. Its object is to bring you into closer touch with the fraters of other jurisdictions, telling you as best we can of their welfare, of their successes or failures, of the labors, teachings and triumphs of the valiant and magnanimous Orders in other and fruitful fields; and we rejoice to say that kindly greetings and cheering words come to us from all quarters of the Templar world; lively assurances of the most wonderful material prosperity, and abundant evidences of a large growth in that culture which ever leads toward the better life and a nearer approach to the true Templar's idea of a perfect manhood.
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> The Templar host of America is just rounding out its hundred thousand swords, and it is just cause for rejoicing to know that wheresoever dispersed, each band of the true and trusty are laboring with success for the spread and maintenance of the principles we profess; and as the years go by fulfilling more and more perfectly the Apostolic ideal of pure and undefiled religion before God the Father, by visiting the widow and the fatherless in their affliction and keeping themselves unspotted from the world; not in the sense of a withdrawal therefrom, but that the world may be bettered by each Knightly courtesy, and instructed in its higher duties by the influence and example of each Knightly life. In this spirit and to these ends, Sir Knights let us bend our best energies.

In this young but flourishing jurisdiction of our Order, the present membership is 368.

R. E. Sir John M. Hodson, of Portland, is the Grand Commander, and also the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and E. Sir James F. Robinson, of Eugene, is the Grand Recorder. F.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1894.

The Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction assembled in forty-first annual conclave, at Pittsburgh, May 22, 1894, and received a cordial welcome on behalf of the city to its hospitalities, from ex-Mayor Sir Knight Hon. Henry F. Gourley. Death having removed the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Charles C. Baer, just before this conclave, a suitable response to the hearty greeting was made by V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Irving P. Wanger, who acted as Grand Commander throughout the remaining sessions.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form, whereupon the annual report of the Grand Commander was read by the V. E. Deputy, who thus touchingly alluded to the task which had devolved upon him:

> "The light of the eye and breathing of the lips" of him whom your free suffrages called to the highest office in your gift, "in their language of fraternal greeting, having ceased for us forever on this side of the grave," it is my duty to report to you the performance of the duties pertaining to the office of Grand Commander during the past Templar year; and the consciousness of my inability to do full justice to the lamented dead and to the fraternal interests involved would so embarrass the effort as to make its imperfections painfully apparent were it not for the knowledge of your realization of the situation and sympathy in the ordeal. Your generous hearts share with mine the sorrow for our great loss, and you will magnanimously bear with me in the presentation of the doings of him whom Providence in its wisdom called from hence and of the official actions which our laws called upon me to perform by reason of that dispensation.
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> A perfect record of the doings of a Grand Commander can be presented only by himself. He alone is cognizant of all the facts and circumstances under which he acted, and of the reasons for his conclusions. He also can alone give his ripe judgment and wise counsels on the matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order and the measures necessary for its greatest prosperity and usefulness.
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> From the books and papers left by our late Grand Commander it is evident that he was engaged in the preparation of his Annual Report, and some topics are discussed as he doubtless intended to present them to you. But they do not embrace all the matters in reference to which he acted, nor do they more than suggest the recommendations which he would have submitted for your consideration.

The decisions of the late Grand Commander and his successor, the Deputy Grand Commander, embodied in the twofold report of these fraters, are of local importance, and in strict accord with established and well known Templar law, and were therefore, together with the recommendations, heartily endorsed by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

On account of the death of Grand Commander Baer a subdued tone pervaded all the demonstrations of a public character connected with this conclave. There was the usual imposing parade, but it was made a tribute to the memory of the departed chief, and was characterized by the utmost decorum. There were the receptions incident to the annual conclave, but they were unattended by dancing or any other frivolity.

The installation of the newly elected and appointed officers was held in Alvin Theatre, in the presence of a large number of Sir Knights, ladies and gentlemen, and were of a most imposing character.

There are seventy-four Commanderies in this jurisdiction, having on their rolls the names of 10,504 members. R. E. Sir Irving P. Wanger is the Grand Commander, and E. Sir Mont. H. Smith is the Grand Recorder. The address of these officers is, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

R. E. P. G. Com. Sir Lee S. Smith, of Pittsburg, is the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and prepared the report for the present year. We are under obligations to him for a very kind and courteous notice of our jurisdiction, ample space having been afforded us in a paper that is replete with interest.

A special conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, was held in Philadelphia, June 9, 1894, for the purpose of considering charges against, and for the trial upon said charges of Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, a former Grand Recorder, who was charged with disloyal and unknightly conduct.

There were three specifications under this charge, the second and third of which were subsequently withdrawn. The trial was upon the first which is as follows:

> *Specification 1st.* That the said Charles Eugene Meyer, being at the time hereafter mentioned Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery by election and installation to said office, did officially and as said Grand Recorder receive from Commanderies subordinate to said Grand Commandery, certain sums of money, or checks, or drafts, or orders calling for the same, which belonged to the Grand Commandery for annual fees and dues, the same being between the first day of May, A. D. 1889, and the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1893, and did wilfully and intentionally retain the same, being in aggregate the sum of thirteen hundred thirty-two and 53-100 dollars, and has not paid over nor accounted therefor, contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and to his vow of office as Grand Recorder thereof.

The charge as defined in this specification was sustained; and on the question being put, "Shall Eminent Sir Charles E. Meyer be expelled?" it was decided in the affirmative.

It is sad to be obliged to include such matter as this in the review of an honored jurisdiction, but a fair and impartial treatment of the proceedings of which this is supposed to be a truthful digest, has demands which are paramount. F.

South Dakota, 1894.

The eleventh annual conclave of this Grand Commandery was at Deadwood, June 15, 1894, and opened in ample form.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials, R. E. George H. Rathman, the Grand Commander, delivered his annual address. Appropriate reference is made to the Knightly dead:

"One by one they are drifting away
Over the breast of the silent sea,
One by one they are passing o'er."

The fraters are commended by the Grand Commander for their observance of the Christmas custom of toasting the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., of the U. S., and special mention is made of the manner in which Cyrene Commandery, of Sioux Falls, emphasized this beautiful ceremony. A clipping from the *Sioux Falls Press* was embodied in the address, a portion of which is as follows:

> The celebration included not only the drinking of a toast to Grand Master McCurdy, but also an elegant banquet, with responses to toasts by half a score of fraters. The table was laid in the main room of the asylum, being arranged in the form of a double cross, with covers for seventy-two participants. The windows were all darkened and the room illuminated by scores of gas-lights, under which the elegant decorations of the table made a gorgeous appearance. From the center chandelier to the center of the table trailed a quartette of heavy festoons of greenery on which were hung cut roses. Distributed along the tables, as they branched each way from the center, were pots of ferns and foliage plants, and at intervals were pyramids of fruits. Traced upon the linen were designs done in smilax, relieved with roses, pinks and hyacinths. Scattered everywhere were china, crystal and silver tableware. Around this elegant spread were gathered three score and ten Sir Knights, to partake of a most bountiful menu which included all the appropriate substantials and delicacies with champagne and other wines, all of which was very artistically served. A resolution was unanimously passed thanking J. H. Kiel for the elegance of the arrangements.

The Grand Commander remarked further upon the subject:

> St. Bernard Commandery No. 11, Mitchell, which is my home Commandery, observed this occasion in a befitting manner, but not so elaborately as did Cyrene Commandery. However, before concluding the meeting a voluntary contribution was made by the Sir Knights, and a committee appointed to expend the amount for flour, provisions and necessary articles of clothing, and distribute the same among the needy poor or unfortunate people who might be within the city. The committee reported at the next Conclave the amount expended and the articles disbursed, together with the names of the recipients.
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> Other Commanderies, no doubt, did their share toward making the day one to be remembered. I sincerely hope this beautiful custom of the observance of Christmas Day will continue, and grow in favor with our noble Order year by year.

Attention was called to the approaching Triennial at Boston, and the report of a special committee upon the subject, which was subsequently adopted, heartily endorsed the Grand Commander's view, urged the attendance of a large delegation from their jurisdiction, and made every provision for securing and maintaining suitable headquarters in our metropolis. We hope to see our South Dakota fraters out in force at the Triennial, and take this opportunity to assure them beforehand that they shall have their full share of brown bread and baked beans.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of R. E. Past Grand Commander William D. Stiles, and is an interesting and able review of the printed proceedings of the thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, according to Massachusetts and Rhode Island ample space and honorable mention. In the introduction to his report he says:

> It will be seen that Templar Masonry is growing every year in membership, and there never was such a reign of peace and prosperity as now exists. The ritual question having been settled, we can now devote our time to the upbuilding of our magnanimous Order.

Knighted during the past year, 124. Present number, 755.

R. E. Sir Wm. J. McMakin, of Terraville, is the Grand Commander, and E. Sir Wm. H. Holt, of Sioux Falls, is the Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Correspondence is E. Sir Geo. A. Pettigrew, of Flandreau. F.

TENNESSEE, 1894.

Tennessee is in mourning. Her most distinguished Masonic son, R. E. Sir George Cooper Connor, Past Grand Commander, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, departed this life at Chattanooga, March 9, 1894.

A special conclave of this body was opened in the asylum of Lookout Commandery, No. 14, on Sunday, March 11, for the purpose of conducting the funeral rites of the Order, at his burial. In addition to the Grand Commandery, representatives from five Subordinate Commanderies were present. At the house, the hymns, "Just as I Am," and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," were most touchingly and sweetly sung by a quartette. Sir and Rev. William M. Pettis, Grand Prelate, read the Scriptures, and Sir and Rev. J. W. Bachman, Past Grand Prelate, paid a tribute of love to his friend, in a brief and eloquent address, every sentiment of which came glowing from the forges of his heart. After singing the hymn "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," the funeral procession, preceded by more than two hundred Master Masons in line, proceeded to Forest Hill Cemetery, at the foot of Lookout Mountain, where the full Templar Ritual for the dead, as appointed to be observed at the grave, fittingly closed the solemn and impressive services. At the forming of the arch of steel, the hymn, "Nearer, my God to Thee," was sung, and the sad multitude wended their steps homeward.

At the thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, held at Lookout Inn, on Lookout Mountain, May 9, 10, 1894, the great loss sustained by the fraters in the death of Sir Knight Connor, gave a coloring to all the proceedings. The R. E. Grand Commander, Sir William M. Brooks immediately after the religious services, the stationing of the guards, and the opening of the Grand Commandery in ample form, began his address, a masterly effort throughout, with a most beautiful and touching eulogy of the departed frater, enlarged upon later in the address, under the head of bereavements. "Such a resting place," he exclaimed, referring to the beautiful cemetery at the base of the war famous Lookout Mountain, "eminently befitted our brother."

> In physique and in intellect he was a giant amongst his fellows, and here by his grave we left a mountain to guard his remains. I have appointed a Committee to present to this Grand Body a suitable memorial to be placed upon our records. The loss of such a man as George Cooper Connor is felt throughout our land. Possessed of a mind and temper readily susceptible to the touch of the great and good; firm in purpose; inflexible in carrying out his ideas of right; trained to a logical and thorough examination of causes and effects; eloquent and ready of speech—he was a man to leave his impress upon any organization to which he belonged, and he leaves behind memories of humane and kindly acts which a generation cannot efface. His whole character was but a type of the teachings of Masonry, and our hearts will mourn him whilst their beats throb within us. May the glad sunshine he loved make his resting place ever happy with flowers, and his soul rest in peace with the merciful Saviour whom he loved!

The Acting Grand Recorder, upon whom the lamented Sir Knight's mantle has fallen, in addition to his own repeated mention of his name, embodies in his report, as properly belonging to it, the general order from Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, announcing the death of the Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, for Sir Connor also held that office, and paying a loving tribute to his many virtues; and adds at the close of his report that, "a special committee, appointed by the Grand Commander for the purpose, presented a paper with regard to the death of" the R. E. Sir Knight, "which was adopted, and, in accordance with the terms thereof, is inscribed upon a page set apart in these proceedings for the purpose." The paper itself, the report of the Memorial Committee, appears in its proper place, and reads as follows:

> Since our last Annual Conclave this Grand Commandery has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our Past Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and beloved Brother Sir Knight George Cooper Connor.
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> One has passed out of the lines to answer the Grand Captain General's call to the beautiful Asylum above, who held more than an ordinary place in our Conclaves and our affections. Great men rise and pass away, and others take their places, but who shall take Brother Connor's place is yet an unanswered question.
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> There was not an interest of Masonry where his worth and influence was not felt and appreciated; in the Masonic bodies in his own city of Chattanooga he was the leading spirit; in the Grand bodies of the State and nation his presence and influence was supreme. Loved by his friends with an untiring devotion, and respected by his enemies for the manliness of his opposition; endowed with an intellect superior to most men, his opinions were respected alike by friend and foe.
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> Within this Grand Commandery will he be most keenly missed. In its Conclaves he was the peer of all surrounding, and the personification of Templar law and usage. Even in the councils of the Grand Encampment of the United States he was the oracle consulted by all.
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> It is an endless task to estimate the loss Masonry has sustained in the death of Brother Connor; but as an humble testimonial of the worth and esteem in which he was held by this Grand Commandery, we recommend that a page of our records be set apart to his memory, and that this report be inscribed thereon, and a copy sent to his bereaved family.

And to crown all, on the evening of the first day of the annual assembly, a Grand Conclave of sorrow was held in the First Presbyterian Church, which was filled to overflowing by those in attendance upon the Grand Commandery and by ladies and citizens of Chattanooga. The solemn and impressive service for such occasions, arranged by the departed Sir Knight himself, was conducted by the Grand Officers and Sir J. W. Bachman, DD., Past Grand Prelate.

R. E. Sir Morton B. Howell, Past Grand Commander, pronounced the eulogism, a production worthy of the occasion, and which, to be appreciated, should be read entire. In closing he said:

> We know, as Tacitus did not, that there is a habitation for the shades of the virtuous, and that the great Captain of our salvation has gone to prepare a place for us. We know that exalted souls do not perish with the body. May our departed brother repose in peace; and may the contemplation of his virtues call us from vain regret and feeble lamentation to the adornment of his memory by an imitation of his example. Whatever in him was the object of our admiration and of our love, remains and will remain, transmitted in our records to our successors, and consigned to future ages.

The following beautiful and touching incident occurred in connection with the honors paid to the memory of this much lamented frater:

> The special train which conveyed the Knights and ladies from the Lookout Inn, after the close of the Grand Commandery, was halted at the foot of Lookout Mountain at the gate of Forest Hill Cemetery. A few minutes walk brought us all to the grave of our beloved Frater, Sir George C. Connor. Flowers were placed by loving hands, and a young magnolia was planted at the foot of the grave.
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> Sir H. A. Chambers, Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee, made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, after which all returned to the train and were sped away to the busy realities of life, having paid an affectionate parting adieu to the quiet resting place of our Brother—dead but not forgotten.

The loss sustained by Tennessee in the death of this Eminent Templar, is a loss to our entire Order throughout the United States. We share in the grief of our fraters of that jurisdiction, and extend to them our hearty sympathy.

The acts of the Grand Officers as reported by them, relate to local affairs, and received the approval of the commitee to whom they were referred.

The duty of preparing the report on Correspondence was assigned to Sir Wilbur F. Foster, P. G. C., who had only the very brief period between the death of Sir Knight Connor and the meeting of the Grand Commandery in which to prepare it. The apology offered in his "explanatory," is needless; for his report, it seems to the writer, cannot be improved upon. And so thought the Committee on the Reports of Grand Officers. "The duties thrown upon him," they say, "were specially weighty, and your committee are satisfied that they have been performed by him as they could not have been done by any other member of this Grand Commandery."

Our jurisdiction receives a very kind and courteous notice. In the matter of representation in the Grand Encampment, the correspondent strenuously objects to the position maintained by us, and had reduced his objections to writing, but found that the space at his disposal, would not permit of their publication. Give them to us next year Bro. Foster, for in the free discussion of the question, we shall be able to form a truthful judgment upon its merits.

Sir Charles H. Eastman, of Nashville, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Wilbur F. Foster of the same city, is the E. Grand Recorder. He is also the Committee on Correspondence.

There are nineteen Commanderies composed of 1,094 members.

F.

TEXAS, 1894.

The ceremonies preliminary to the opening of this Grand Commandery, in Austin, April 4, 1894, consisted of a march of the Grand Body under escort of the local Commandery and visiting Sir Knights, to the Capitol, where, in the Representative Hall, the Mayor of the city made an address of welcome, which was responded to by the Grand Commander. This was followed by an address from the Grand Prelate on "Providence," at the close of which the lines were re-formed, and the return march made to the asylum of Colorado Commandery, No. 4, where the Grand Commandery was opened in ample form.

The usual standing committees were appointed, and an adjournment made for lunch. On re-assembling, the Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment was received with the customary honors, after which R. E. Grand Commander Sir T. J. Beall, delivered his address in the presence of this fortieth grand annual conclave.

It is almost needless to say that the address was worthy of the man and the occasion. While abounding in Knightly sentiments, it is replete with matters of interest connected with the local welfare of the Order. The committee to whom it was referred, approved of all the rulings which had been made, and which were strictly in accordance with Templar law, and heartily endorsed the recommendations and suggestions which were presented for consideration.

Very touching allusion was made to the death of P. G. C., Sir W. Brown Botts. He is spoken of as "a gallant soldier and distinguished officer in the Confederate States army; a clear-headed, industrious, faithful lawyer, widely known and highly esteemed by his professional brethren; a zealous and intelligent Mason, a devoted and courteous Knight, and as one who in the position of Grand Commander in 1889, discharged the duties of the position with marked ability and faithfulness."

The death of other Sir Knights both in the jurisdiction and out of it, is referred to in appropriate terms. Reviewers of Templar proceedings, become very familiar with the King of Terrors, i. e., with writing about him.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. E. P. G. C. Sir Robt. M. Elgin, and is a very fair and able review of Templarism in twenty-nine of our Grand Jurisdictions. For some reason, our proceedings were not on hand in time for notice. We trust, however, that they are classed amongst those "most valued exchanges" which failed to come to time, to which our esteemed frater Elgin refers. At all events, we receive kind and courteous mention at the close of this most interesting report, which was composed under circumstances unfavorable to brain work of any kind. We trust that health and strength have taken the place of sickness. The conclusion of the report is as follows:

> We put off writing our farewell words until the last moment, and now, when it has to be done, the writer is down with a fever. So our parting words will be few.

Having gone over the foregoing proceedings, the fact of the universal growth and expansion of the Order is one of its most striking features. With the exception of Louisiana, every State shows an increase in membership, and in most instances in the number of Subordinates. But the latest statistics exhibit some changes in the relative positions of the larger Grand Commanderies. Last year Pennsylvania was the leading Grand Commandery in membership, with Massachusetts and Rhode Island and New York close followers. This year New York goes from third to first place. With a membership of 10,018 she has the proud distinction of being the largest Templar Body in the world.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island are second, with 9,911, and Pennsylvania with 9,628 takes third place. Then follows Illinois, fourth, with 8,881; Ohio, fifth, 7,376, and Michigan sixth, 5,000. The largest percentage of growth is in the West. Wyoming shows 29 per cent.; Washington, 18; Kansas, 15; Nevada, 13; Texas, 12.7, and Oregon 12.5.

Kansas turns California down and takes the tenth place.

As the next Triennial meets in Massachusetts next year, we predict that there will be an unusual display of energy in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the intervening time, and we will not be surprised to see it take the first place in the great family of Grand Commanderies.

These are most encouraging words, and we are thankful for them, but withal, we must remember that numbers do not mean prosperity. Let us guard carefully our avenues, and see that none but the worthy—the tried and the true—gain admission to our ranks. As an Order, we have been very fortunate in the past, in this particular, from the fact, it seems to the writer, that the Masonic principle has prevailed, namely, not to seek for members but to have them seek us. One good man, or one man who has good material in him, and is capable of being made better, is worth a hundred good-for-nothings; and it is doubtless on the basis of that sentiment that our Texas brother wishes us the prosperity that comes with numbers.

In the thirty-one constituted Commanderies and the one working U. D. in this jurisdiction, there are 1,975 members, all no doubt, good men and true, for with E. Sir and Rev. J. C. Carpenter, as Grand Prelate, they could not well be otherwise.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is composed of Sir Knights R. M. Elgin, L. M. Openheimer, F. B. Sexton, James Wigley, E. C. Pew, and Robert Brewster. The Chairman's address is Houston.

Sir E. J. Fry, of Marshall, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Robert Brewster, of Houston, is the E. Grand Recorder.

F.

VERMONT, 1894.

The fifty-second annual conclave of this Grand Commandery, was opened in ample form, at Burlington, June 12, 1894.

After the appointment of the usual committees, R. E. Grand Commander Marsh O. Perkins, delivered his address. He reviews in brief the history of the Order for the nearly three-quarters of a century of its existence in Vermont. Eloquent and touching allusion is made to the Knightly dead, and especially to Sir George Cooper Connor. The new ritual receives hearty commendation, but the suggestion that one of its several optional portions be made mandatory in his jurisdiction, was disapproved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers. The same committee also, on account of the condition of the treasury, reported adversely to the recommendation that a book of tactics be formulated and published for use in the Subordinate Commanderies. The other portions of the address, particularly the reference to the permissive order issued to Subordinate Commanderies to act as escort to the war veterans on Memorial Day, and the stirring call to Vermont Templars to render their support and assistance to the approaching Triennial Encampment at Boston, received the committee's full and hearty endorsement. The summary of his year's work given in the address, proves that the Grand Commander is eminently worthy of the commendation, love and respect, which through the committee as their mouth-piece, his Vermont fraters so courteously tender him.

The book of proceedings is a well printed and bound volume, having for its frontispiece an excellent portrait of R. E. Past Grand Commander Geo. O. Tyler, and embracing in its contents the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction, and a form of By-Laws for, and a Roster of Subordinate Commanderies.

Bound up with the proceedings is the report on Correspondence from the pen of our esteemed friend and frater, R. E. Past Grand Commander Kittridge Haskins, chairman of the committee. It is a carefully prepared document, holding the interest of the reader from its beginning to its close, and proves that a valuable addition has been made to the ranks of our Templar correspondents.

Our own jurisdiction is treated to generous space, and a courteous review, and the writer heartily reciprocates all the kindly feeling which is expressed for him personally. None can know our dear friend and frater Haskins, and not respect and love him. But it none the less seems to us that his heart gets away with his head on the question of Knights Templars doing escort duty for the veterans of the late war, on Memorial Day; and this in spite of the fact that the whole Grand Commandery of Vermont uphold him in his position. Our contention which comes under his kindly criticism, is, that Knights Templars, in accordance with the established policy of the Order, should take no part in any save strictly Masonic events, e. g., acting as escort to the Lodge, Chapter, Council or any other Masonic organization. It is simply going out of their way when they offer themselves as an escort to the veterans, and seems like seeking an occasion "to appear in uniform with music and banners." And such escort service *is* liable to cause feeling, not necessarily "*ill-feeling*," but uncomfortable and unbrotherly feeling. A Knight Templar who had a father, or brother, or some other dear relative or friend, shot down, or tortured to death by slow starvation, during the horrors of the civil war, whether he be of the North or South, does not feel comfortable at the thought that some of his fraters of the Knight Templar Order, are acting as escort to men who are decorating the graves of those, some of whom committed the cruel act. And then, how would it appear to their Northern Confreres if Southern Templars should act as escort to Confederate veterans, in the light of this sentiment which Sir Haskins himself has penned? He says that:

> There is not an honest, patriotic and intelligent person in this whole land to-day, that does not know that they of the South made war to destroy the American Union, and that in so doing they were radically in the wrong, and that we of the North, representing at that time the general government, put forth our best efforts to defend and protect it.

What! are we to encourage our Southern fraters to lend their countenance in paying honor to men who made war to destroy the American Union, and who in so doing "were radically in the wrong?" Is this advice consistent with our lofty standard of Templar morality and honor? Our worthy brother says in reply:

> If the Knights Templar of the States once in rebellion desire to perform escort duty for the Confederate veterans, citizens and school children, who annually make their pilgrimage to the shrine of their dead and participate in decorating their graves with flowers, it will engender no ill-feeling at the North towards their Fraters of the South.

In view of the controversy which is likely to arise over these and similar questions associated with a war, in which both sides, it has always seemed to me, were sincere and honest in the antagonistic positions severally maintained by them, it were better for our Order, in the future as in the past, to follow in the footsteps of the fathers in adhering to the established and well-known principle of Masonry, of taking no part, namely, in affairs which are not under its absolute control. So far as the veterans are concerned, the writer is a veteran himself, and believes that it is perfectly proper for them to decorate the graves of their fallen comrades on Memorial Day. He is in entire sympathy on this subject, with the sentiment of his honored kinsman as expressed in the "Blue and the Grey." But what is natural, and fitting, and proper for the veterans, and the sons of veterans, their pre-eminently proper and only-to-be desired escort for Memorial Day, is entirely out of place and improper for other organizations. The day is for the old, war-worn soldiers and it brings back to them tender memories and hallowed associations connected with many a hard campaign. The people love to see the veterans in line, headed by their sons and followed by the relief corps. This simple procession is all-sufficient, and anything in the shape of Templar uniform simply detracts from the attention which all at such a time delight to give to the honored blue of the North or no less honored grey of the South. Knights Templars had better let the war veterans alone, and mind their own business.

There are ten Commanderies in this jurisdiction, in which 70 Knights have been created during the past year, the present number being 1,323.

The Committee on Correspondence is composed of Sirs Kittridge Haskins, George O. Tyler and Henry H. Ross.

Sir Marsh O. Perkins, of Windsor, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Warren G. Reynolds, of Burlington, is the E. Grand Recorder. F.

VIRGINIA, 1893.

The seventy-first annual assembly of this R. E. Grand Commandery, was begun and held in the city of Richmond, October 12, 1893, all the Grand Officers being represented.

The opening ceremonies were in ample form, following which came the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Fred Greenwood.

He urges upon the Sir Knights the importance of having their lives correspond with their Templar profession, and closes this excellent advice in the language of St. Bernard :

> Illustrious Knights, generous defenders of the Craft, remember the example of your fathers who conquered Jerusalem, and whose names are inscribed in Heaven; abandon then the things which perish, to gather eternal palms and conquer a kingdom which has no end.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address reported favorably on all his suggestions and recommendations; approved all of his decisions; and congratulated their fraters on the wise and courteous performance of the responsible duties of the exalted station which had been so ably filled by their retiring chief officer.

In the Old Dominion there is a Masonic Home, and connected with the Home is a school which is entirely supported by the Knights Templars of the jurisdiction. This is in every way worthy of our Virginia fraters. They are caring in the best possible way for the helpless orphans, giving them a mental equipment for their life work. "Verily I say unto you," said Immanuel on one occasion, referring to those who had performed similar charitable work," they shall in no wise lose their reward."

The affairs of the Order in this grand old State seem to be in a very prosperous condition, and we are glad to see in reviewing the proceedings, that our fraters are thus early making arrangements to take in the Boston Triennial in 1895. One of the most esteemed and honored members of the Grand Encampment which is to meet there during that year, R. E. Sir William B. Isaacs, is from Virginia, and he is also the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in that jurisdiction, his address being Richmond.

There are twenty-one Commanderies, one of which is working U. D., with a total membership of 1,251.

Sir E. E. Downham, of Alexandria, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and R. E. Sir William B. Isaacs, of Richmond, is the Grand Recorder. F.

WASHINGTON, 1893.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of this jurisdiction, assembled in sixth annual conclave; in the city of Tacoma, June 9, 1893, and was opened in ample form, after which R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Edward R. Hare, whose portrait appears as a frontispiece to the proceedings, delivered his address. In his exordium, he discourses on humanity. Man is a social creature. He loves society. Solitude dwarfs him, and reduces him below the normal standard of manhood, and makes him a weary blank in the great desert of time. "For this reason solitary confinement is the most dreaded of punishments, and it is this great hunger for the society of his fellow man that causes him to fraternize in domestic, social, political and religious institutions among which certainly not the least is this of ours."

The dead are eulogized, the state of the Order commented on, dispensations enumerated, decisions stated, and other matters of local importance touched upon. The address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, and, by that committee, referred in its several sub-divisions, to various sub-committees for their consideration. The decisions being all in accordance with the Templar law, and the recommendations being for the manifest good of the Order, the address received a very hearty endorsement from the Sir Knights generally. In one of the committee reports which was received and adopted, the following occurs:

> *Resolved,* That the hearty thanks of this Grand Commandery be extended to E. Sir Frank W. Summer, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Jurisdiction of California, for the Gavel and Block so courteously donated to this Grand Body.

Bound up with the proceedings are responses to the Christmas toast to our M. E. Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy, severally made by R. E. Sir William Phelan, of Cataract Commandery, No. 3, and Past E. Commander Sir W. R. Abrams, of Temple Commandery, No. 5. Lack of space prevents the incorporation of these eloquent efforts in this report.

The report on Correspondence opens as follows:

> Although we have been classed among "the clippers," we think we know more about Templarism than when we wrote our first, but not enough to deserve or expect a diploma. Like some of our older writers we have views on certain subjects, but will not burden you with many of them as yet. Our idea of the duties of a Correspondent is to give a brief report of the transactions of the several Grand Bodies reviewed, and the general condition of the same.

This idea which, it seems to the writer, is the correct one on the subject, he proceeds to carry out in a very admirable manner.

Our own jurisdiction is treated to ample space and honorable mention. In reviewing us, and in connection with the Triennial to be held in Boston, is the following:

> We rise to state that Sir Rugg promised us at Denver he would guarantee there would be plenty of "Beans," and as freights are high from "out West" we do not want him to forget it.

Following the report on Correspondence is a list of the Standing Orders and Decisions, together with the Regulations of the Grand Commandery. The rules are very stringent concerning intoxicating liquor and gnmbling.

This young Grand Commandery, only seven years of age, is composed of eight Subordinate Commanderies, with 509 members.

Sir Eugene T. Wilson, of Ellensburg, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Yancey C. Blalock, of Walla Walla, is the E. Grand Recorder. He is also the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and prepared the report which has just been reviewed. The entire committee consists of R. E. Sir Yancey C. Blalock, E. Sir Trusten P. Dyer, and E. Sir William McMicken.

F.

West Virginia, 1894.

This R. E. Grand Commandery met in its twentieth annual conclave, in the city of Weston, May 9th, 1894, and was opened in due form for the transaction of business.

For brevity and comprehensiveness the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Alfred Paull, is a model.

The following decision rendered by him is of interest to the Order generally. It seems that a Subordinate Commandery of his jurisdiction, had assessed its members $10 each for the entertainment of the Grand Commandery. Some of the fraters having neglected to pay the amount levied, they were summoned to appear at a stated conclave and show reason why they should not be suspended for their remissness. Before proceeding to the act of suspension, the Grand Commander was consulted. He answered the communication addressed to him as follows:

> If I understand you correctly, you desire a decision on the following question: "Can an assessment, regularly made by your Commandery outside the annual dues, be collected by suspension?" In giving my decision I am not unmindful of the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Encampment (Edition 1889), article 7, page 31. The question, however, here seems to rest entirely on what may be construed as legitimate expenses of a Commandery, Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment. Where a Royal Arch Mason applies for Templar degrees, he is naturally informed as to the cost not only at the time as to the price of his initiation but his

> annual dues. Calculations are in many instances made accordingly. Now if he can be arbitrarily assessed by a majority of his Commandery for purposes other than the legitimate running expenses of the Commandery, no matter how proper and worthy the object may be, it might prove in many instances a serious hardship to some Templars. I am compelled, therefore, to answer your question, No; that is, a Sir Knight cannot be deprived of his rights and privileges in his Commandery for non-payment of assessments made for purposes outside and beyond the legitimate expenses of his Commandery.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir O. S. Long, Chairman of the Committee. He makes a needless apology for haste in its preparation. He says: "Hurry clips the wings of fancy and makes a dray horse of Pegasus, and converts a report on correspondence into a bundle of dry statistics in which the only living twigs are the extracts that have been 'twigged' from the addresses of Grand Commanders and other eloquent Knights Templar, and makes the writer of the report a mere compiler without claim to distinct authorship." The report shows no signs of hurry and no unnecessary clipping, but is judiciously prepared and interesting throughout. We agree entirely with the author of it in the following:

> As to the function of criticism we still hold views somewhat at variance with the opinions of many of the writers of Reports on Correspondence. We write for the information of Knights Templar in West Virginia and to give a synopsis of Templar transactions in the several Grand Commanderies. It is of no interest to the average Knight Templar here, to know that some correspondent thinks another correspondent in error and has vanquished him in skillful debate; or that the comments of A upon the report of B, criticising the position of C upon the report of D published three or four years ago presents a good example of logical fencing and rhetorical defense. This may be and is very interesting reading to the men who write the reports, but Tommy Adkins takes no stock in it whatever.

Our jurisdiction receives very kind and courteous notice, special attention being called to the fact that the duties of our Grand Commander are exceedingly arduous, requiring his almost entire and undivided attention. Our Order is growing so rapidly everywhere, that this will soon be true of all of our Grand Commanders. In process of time the office must of necessity, *i. e.*, if its exactions are faithfully met, be a salaried one.

This admirable report closes as follows:

> Here ends the review. The examination we have made of the proceedings of the several American Grand Commanderies has been hasty, but those who have followed along the line can only know how much labor has been bestowed upon it. We reach the end with a confused memory of nodding plumes and flashing swords and the blare of trumpets "and the stir of jewelled bridle and of golden spur."
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> But amid all this martial display and pomp of parade, there is discernible the steady beat of the great Masonic heart, the rhythm of an honest effort of the Knights Templar to do good, to relieve the destitute, and to advance true Christianity. There can be no doubt about it; the Orders of Masonic Knighthood are factors for good and in their own peculiar sphere are accomplishing a noble work. Little by little, more and more, the precepts of the Great Teacher are permeating the minds of men and blossoming in their opinion and finding fruition in their lives, and every year Masonic Knighthood is becoming a greater power in the great work of rebuilding in the human soul the Temple of the Lord.

From the proceedings we gather that our beloved Order is in a very flourishing condition in West Virginia. Harmony prevails, and there is a steady lengthening of the cords, and strengthening the stakes.

Knighted during the past year, 49. Present number, 726.

Sir W. W. Van Winkle, of Parkersburg, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir R. C. Dunnington, of Fairmont, is the E. Grand Recorder. Committee on Correspondence, Sirs O. S. Long, George Davis and R. C. Dunnington. F.

WISCONSIN, 1893.

The thirty-fifth annual conclave of this Grand Commandery, was opened October 10, 1893, in the city of Milwaukee.

The Grand Commander, Sir W. H. Lewis, sent in a report of his doings which was read by the Grand Recorder. It seems that a few months after his election to the highest office in the gift of his fraters, Sir Lewis found it necessary on account of business changes, to remove from the jurisdiction. Hence on March 1st, he turned over the command of the Templars of Wisconsin, to E. Sir Eugene S. Elliott, Deputy

Grand Commander. Owing to the brief period of his incumbency, the official acts of the Grand Commander were few. They were approved by the Committee to whose consideration they were referred.

The address was delivered by the Deputy Grand Commander, acting for his superior. "The condition of Templar Masonry in Wisconsin," he says, "is prosperous; a prosperity indicated not so much by the increase of our number as the harmony and fraternal feeling that pervades our ranks." He heartily approves the new ritual, and says that it is "as nearly perfect as human ability can make it; to use it should be a labor of love; to listen to it a delight; it needs but one thing, namely, to be let alone by ambitious amenders."

In order to bring up the proficiency of the Sir Knights in the military tactics of the Order, he recommends the establishment of a summer camp of instruction. This would tend not only to make them skillful in manœuvres, but would in addition, promote good fellowship and *esprit de corps*.

In closing the question is raised whether Templarism has kept pace with the times.

> Are our methods for redressing wrongs, maintaining rights, for defending the Christian Religion, suitable to present conditions or adequate under existing circumstances? Let each Sir Knight here present answer these questions as his conscience dictates, but if in the negative, then let us bestir ourselves lest we be regarded by the impatient genius of this most wonderful age as an organization that has outlived its usefulness and is without excuse for continued existence. I have sometimes thought that we plumed ourselves too greatly on the valiant deeds of our predecessors and regarded too little our own duties. It is pleasant to look back upon pleasant things, but dangerous, sometimes, since too much retrospection is liable to cost one his freshness and turn him into old salt, as Lot's wife discovered. I have also thought that we were too much inclined to play the fly upon the wheel of progress and deceive ourselves into the belief that we are responsible for the dust. Perhaps this is hypercriticism; if so, it can, at least, do no harm, while it may be profitable to take occasional reckoning so as to correct our course if perchance we have been steering wrong, and with this object in view, these too desultory remarks are respectfully submitted.

The address bristles with life, and is anything but desultory. So thought the committee also, to whom it was referred for they approved of all its suggestions and recommendations. There is even to be a camp of instruction in the summer, so much of the statutes as fixes the time for the annual conclave having been suspended, so as to allow the carrying out of this plan for the present year.

The report on Correspondence is the eleventh one prepared by R. E. Sir William C. Swain, a veteran on the corps of reviewers; but up to date, as his last effort demonstrates, his eye is not dim nor his natural force abated. He is as bright and vigorous as ever, and belongs without question to the fifth class in Sir Parvin's differentiation of reviewers. Our jurisdiction is accorded its full measure of space, and receives kind and courteous mention. Though our frater of Wisconsin differs in opinion from the writer, on several points discussed in the review, he yet feels drawn towards him, because of his cordial and hearty welcome to himself into the ranks of Templar correspondents.

The volume of proceedings of this jurisdiction is adorned with pictures representing the eastern and western interior views of Egyptian Hall, Milwaukee. A western man who had invaded the sacred precincts of the church pew of one of New York's bloated bond-holders, received from the irate owner a slip of paper on which was written: "This is *my* pew!" He returned the slip with this written on the reverse side: "A very nice pew, what did you pay for it?" So we say in looking at the pictures above mentioned; "A very nice hall, what did you pay for it?"

Number of Commanderies twenty-six, of which one is U. D., with 2,598 members.

Committee on Correspondence R. E. Sir W. C. Swain, Milwaukee.

The R. E. Grand Commander is Sir E. S. Elliott, of Milwaukee, and the Grand Recorder is E. Sir John W. Laflin, of the same city.

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WISCONSIN, 1894.

Scarcely had the review of the proceedings of this Grand Body for 1893 been sent to the printer, ere those of 1894 were received.

The thirty-sixth annual conclave was opened in the asylum of Wisconsin Commandery, No. 1, in Egyptian Hall, in the city of Milwaukee, June 11, 1894.

After appointing the Committee on Credentials, the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Eugene S. Elliott, delivered his annual address, in the course of which he gave utterance to the following:

> My experience teaches me that the most largely attended and most active Commanderies are those that make opening in full a practice and dispense with it but seldom; the reason for this is not hard to find. Every Commandery contains many men of ability, aside from its officers, and just in proportion as they are able do these men find it irksome to listen repeatedly to the same work by the same officers, with no opportunity to take any active part personally. So long as the novelty lasts they are interested, but the novelty soon wears off; the story becomes old; the seats grow hard; they become impatient of business in which they have no personal part, and so they gradually fall away and are lost to the Commandery, perhaps forever. All this is natural; men capable of doing must have something to do. That something is found in the openings, which afford variety sufficient to exercise both the mind and the body, and in which the most capable Templar will rarely, if ever, attain the summit of perfection. I recommend that these suggestions be taken into serious consideration; we have too many solo parts in our methods; what is wanted is less solo and more chorus.

The above has the true ring to it, and if it could be put into the form of a general order, and sent out from headquarters the world over, with instructions to have it read before their respective Commanderies, it would redound with good to our noble institution.

The chief event in connection with this year's conclave, resulted from the action taken in that of last year, which provided for a grand reunion of all the Commanderies of the jurisdiction, in honor of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Wisconsin. Nearly every Subordinate Commandery was represented, and the ceremonies of the occasion occupied from June 11 to 15, inclusive. They consisted of a series of receptions, exemplifications of the work, a grand parade including an excursion on Lake Michigan, and ending with a grand reception and ball to all Knights Templars and their ladies at Stadt Theater. The Templar parade is said to have been the finest demonstration of the kind ever made in the jurisdiction. The following account of it taken from the proceedings, speaks for itself:

> There were in line seventeen Commanderies, with an aggregate of over six hundred Sir Knights, fully equipped and in excellent marching form, the drilling which had been done preparatory to this event materially improving this feature of the parade. The column was preceded by Clauder's full band and escorted by a large platoon of police. The line, under command of Grand Captain-General Charles D. Rogers, moved in the prescribed order. The ladies of the Templars occupied available positions on the line of march, and bestowed unstinted praise upon the fine appearance of the gallant Knights.
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> At the corner of Sycamore and Fourth streets the Grand Commandery took position and reviewed the marching column.
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> The fine new Commandery, No. 26, from Marinette, was taken from its numerical place in the line and assigned a position near the center of the column, for the reason that the Sir Knights brought with them an excellent band, which it was deemed expedient to have in this position. This arrangement placed the two city Commanderies respectively on the right and left of the column, Wisconsin, No. 1, following the Grand Commandery officers on the right, and Ivanhoe, No. 24, preceded by the celebrated Wolcott Post drum corps, on the extreme left.
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> In mentioning the steamboat excursion, which was greatly enjoyed, it is but proper to say that the steamer was gratuitously tendered to the Sir Knights by Manager Hurson, of the Goodrich Transportation Company, a courtesy which was highly appreciated by the local Sir Knights.
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> Wednesday evening being devoted to the Grand Lodge Anniversary meeting at the Academy of Music, no special feature was provided for the Templars, many of whom attended the Grand Lodge meeting.

A fine picture of the parade as it appeared on Wisconsin street, is bound up with the proceedings.

The report on Correspondence was written, of course, by Sir W. C. Swain, and is fully up to his established standard of excellence. In opening he says:

> This is our twelfth annual report. Owing to the change in time of holding our annual conclave, many jurisdictions will pass unreviewed, and it is curtailed of its fair proportions. We can, however, congratulate our fraters, here and elsewhere, on having an opportunity to read an account of one of the finest gatherings," (referring to the Wisconsin reunion) ever held, and an event of interest to all, whether in or out of our Order. In these days of turmoil and excitement, of anarchy and social-

> ism, of unrest, and of bands of Coxeyites, it is refreshing to look upon such a body of men so closely allied to the principles of law and order.

Our jurisdiction is accorded liberal space and fair criticism. It is but justice to Bro. Rugg to say that he writes the opening and closing portions of our report. The writer agrees with Sir Swain on the subject of making application for the Orders of Knighthood, so far as it relates to the matter of accessibility, but otherwise it is always better, so thinks your humble servant, to make the application in the jurisdiction where the candidate is residing. The responsibility of investigating his character and standing, rests with the committee appointed for that purpose. But in establishing the lines of jurisdictions the question of accessibility ought to be paramount to every other consideration.

Knights created, 147; present membership, 2,724.

Sir Eugene Stanhope Elliott, of Milwaukee, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John W. Laflin, of the same city, is the E. Grand Recorder. Past Eminent Commander William C. Swain, also of Milwaukee, is the Committee on Correspondence. F.

WYOMING, 1894.

This Grand Commandery met in its seventh annual conclave, at Cheyenne, May 9, 1894, and was opened in ample form, the Grand Prelate leading in prayer.

After the appointment of the usual committees and the report of the Committee on Credentials, the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir John R. Jeffrey, whose portrait adorns the proceedings, delivered his address. He congratulates the Order in his jurisdiction on its prosperous condition, and says to his assembled fraters:

> You are now laying the foundation of an organization that will in time assume magnificent proportions; the record now being made will remain for all time; it will be reviewed with deep interest long, long after we shall have passed away.

The E. Commander of Wyoming Commandery, having sustained an objection made by a Knight Templar to a Red Cross Knight receiving the Order of the Temple, and an appeal having been taken from his decision to the R. E. Grand Commander, he sustained the decision, and his action was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whose consideration it was referred, in the following language:

> We recommend that the decision of the R. E. Grand Commander be sustained with the following construction placed thereon by your Committee: that to delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple on a Companion of the Red Cross, the objection must be made in writing in the form of charges, filed with the Recorder as provided in Sections 3 and 4 of Title forty-three of the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Encampment K. T., 1889.

All of which it seems to the writer, is in strict accordance with Templar Law.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by R. E. Past Grand Commander Sir John C. Baird, who re-entered the ranks of Templar reviewers with the following exordium:

> For the past three years there has been no report made to this Grand Commandery on Foreign Correspondence. Our own members have made complaint of this omission, while the entire corps of the "Mutuals" has wondered why this pleasant and instructive department had been neglected. Upon retiring from the post of Grand Commander we urged upon our successor the importance of having the position of correspondent filled hereafter, and of appointing some one who would present a report. Well, he not only builded better than *we* knew, but named one who could not very consistently decline—and here we are. He would be a queer man, indeed, who could lightly regard the warmth of welcome extended us upon our re-entrance to the corps reportorial. We deeply appreciate the kindness shown us and desire to thank all the Correspondents for their kindly expressions.

We are rejoiced that our "stir up" prayer bearing on the subject of Wyoming's delinquent Correspondence Committee, secured such an admirable answer, and one withal so prompt. We extend to our frater a hearty welcome on his return to the corps.

This young and energetic jurisdiction is to be congratulated on adding a new Commandery to its force, to be known as Ascelon Commandery, its station being Green River. It has excellent material, we are told, and brilliant prospects for the future.

During the past year 30 have received the Orders of Knighthood in the jurisdiction, 221 being the present membership.

Sir William Daley, of Rawlins, is the R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John C. Baird, P. G. C., of Cheyenne, is the E. Grand Recorder.

Sirs John C. Baird, Geo. C. Rafter and James H. Hayford, are the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. F.

PROCEEDINGS.

Our intention has been to review all the printed transactions of Grand Commanderies, received since the date of last year's report. The following list shows the jurisdictions considered, and the year in which the annual conclaves were respectively held, whose doings are presented in the Proceedings. It will be noticed that our work of review is brought down very nearly to the present time.

Alabama	1893–4
Arizona	1893
Arkansas	1894
California	1894
Canada	1893
Colorado	1894
Connecticut	1894
Georgia	1894
Illinois	1893
Indiana	1894
Iowa	1894
Kansas	1894
Kentucky	1894
Louisiana	1894
Maine	1894
Maryland	1893
Michigan	1894
Minnesota	1894
Mississippi	1894
Missouri	1894
Montana	1893
Nebraska	1893–4
New Hampshire	1893
New York	1893
North Carolina	1894
North Dakota	1893
Ohio	1893
Pennsylvania	1894
South Dakota	1894
Tennessee	1894
Texas	1894
Vermont	1894
Virginia	1893
Washington	1893
West Virginia	1894
Wisconsin	1894
Wyoming	1893–4

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1893–94.

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Grand Recorder of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	Year.	Date of Organization.	Date of Annual Conclave.	Date Printed Proceedings were Received.
Alabama	1894	Dec. 1, 1862.	May 10, 1894.	June 9, 1894.
Arizona	1893	Nov. 16, 1893.	Nov. 16, 1893.	April 17, 1894.
Arkansas	1894	March 25, 1872.	April 17, 1894.	May 25, 1894.
California	1894	Aug. 10, 1858.	April 19, 1894.	Aug. 2, 1894.
Colorado	1894	March 14, 1876.	June 15, 1894.	Sept. 4, 1894.
Connecticut	1894	Sept. 15, 1827.	March 20, 1894.	July 12, 1894.
Georgia	1894	April 25, 1860.	May 9, 1894.	June 19, 1894.
Illinois	1893	Oct. 27, 1857.	Oct. 25, 1893.	Jan. 15, 1894.
Indiana	1894	May 18, 1864.	April 18, 1894.	May 11, 1894.
Iowa	1893	June 6, 1864.	July 12, 1893.	Oct. 12, 1893.
Kansas	1894	Dec. 21, 1868.	May 9, 1894.	Sept. 11, 1894.
Kentucky	1894	Oct. 5, 1857.	May 16, 1894.	July 26, 1894.
Louisiana	1894	Feb. 12, 1864.	Feb. 16, 1894.	April 2, 1894.
Maine	1894	May 5, 1852.	May 3, 1895.	Oct. 3, 1894.
Maryland	1893	Jan. 23, 1871.	Nov. 28, 1893.	March 10, 1894.
Mass. and Rhode Island	1893	May 6, 1805.	Oct. 26, 1893.	....
Michigan	1894	Feb. 12, 1857.	May 15, 1894.	July 14, 1894.
Minnesota	1894	Oct. 23, 1865.	June 25, 1894.	Aug. 21, 1894.
Mississippi	1894	Jan. 21, 1857.	Feb. 13, 1894.	Aug. 22, 1894.
Missouri	1894	May 22, 1860.	April 24, 1894.	May 19, 1894.
Montana	1893	May 14, 1888.	Oct. 10, 1893.	Dec. 1, 1893.
Nebraska	1894	Dec. 27, 1871.	April 3, 1894.	June 15, 1894.
New Hampshire	1894	Aug. 27, 1826.	Sept. 25, 1894.	....
New Jersey	1894	Feb. 14, 1860.	May 8, 1894.	June 19, 1894.
New York	1893	June 18, 1814.	Sept. 12, 1893.	Jan. 1, 1894.
North Carolina	1894	May 10, 1881.	May 9, 1894.	June 9, 1894.
North Dakota	1894	June 16, 1890.	June 15, 1894.	Aug. 30, 1894.
Ohio	1893	Oct. 24, 1843.	Oct. 3, 1894.	....
Oregon	1893	April 13, 1887.	Oct. 12, 1893.	Dec. 2, 1893.
Pennsylvania	1894	April 11, 1854.	May 22, 1894.	Sept. 15, 1894.
South Dakota	1894	May 14, 1884.	June 16, 1894.	Sept. 10, 1894.
Tennessee	1894	Oct. 12, 1859.	May 10, 1894.	May 25, 1894.
Texas	1894	Jan. 18, 1855.	April 6, 1894.	June 26, 1894.
Vermont	1894	June 1, 1824.	June 12, 1894.	July 26, 1894.
Virginia	1893	Nov. 27, 1823.	Oct. 12, 1893.	Nov. 20, 1893.
Washington	1893	June 2, 1887.	June 9, 1893.	Nov. 7, 1893.
West Virginia	1894	Feb. 12, 1874.	May 8, 1894.	Aug. 2, 1894.
Wisconsin	1893	Oct. 20, 1859.	June 11, 1894.	....
Wyoming	1894	May 14, 1888.	May 9, 1894.	June 16, 1894.
Grand Encampment U. S.	1892	June 21, 1816.	....	....
Canada	1894	Oct. 9, 1855.	Sept. 4, 1894.	....
England and Wales	1893	....	May 9, 1893.	....
Ireland	1893	....	....	....
Scotland	1893	....	....	....
Victoria, Australia	1893	....	....	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.—Continued.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF	Year.	Number Knighted.	Number Affiliated.	Number Restored.	Number Dimitted.	Number Suspended.	Number Expelled.	Number Died.	Number of Subordinates.	Number of Members.	Gain over last Report.	Average Membership to each Commandery.
Alabama	1894	34	4	1	7	18	1	10	10	368	11	37
Arizona	1893	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	100	....	....
Arkansas	1894	48	4	3	3	11	1	10	12	497	12	42
California	1894	123	35	15	36	50	....	53	39	2,819	34	72
Colorado	1894	64	52	2	63	16	4	16	24	1,629	46	68
Connecticut	1894	105	6	1	9	1	....	29	11	2,099	73	191
Georgia	1894	70	11	4	28	1	....	19	10	647	50	64
Illinois	1893	813	104	36	212	110	3	117	61	8,523	511	139
Indiana	1894	194	33	9	86	44	1	51	36	3,309	54	92
Iowa	1893	283	64	4	118	35	4	42	54	4,202	152	78
Kansas	1894	269	34	11	119	20	1	27	42	3,110	172	74
Kentucky	1894	113	12	5	30	28	...	24	25	1,869	48	75
Louisiana	1894	19	4	...	1	4	...	9	3	293	13	98
Maine	1894	150	21	2	16	8	....	32	19	2,756	111	145
Maryland	1893	76	3	5	16	15	....	10	8	956	36	120
Mass. and Rhode Island	1893	693	105	0	146	22	2	134	45	10,384	493	230
Michigan	1894	278	38	12	121	62	4	58	44	5,098	98	116
Minnesota	1894	140	32	7	52	52	...	37	25	2,280	38	91
Mississippi	1894	48	2	3	10	31	...	9	11	387	35	35
Missouri	1894	217	61	16	89	59	....	41	58	4,033	104	99
Montana	1893	19	5	1	6	10	1	2	8	334	2	42
Nebraska	1894	134	7	21	46	23	1	15	23	1,656	76	72
New Hampshire	1894	69	50	14	....	....	....	28	10	1,853	32	183
New Jersey	1894	81	10	..	23	20	...	20	16	1,655	28	104
New York	1893	886	51	81	109	138	4	166	57	10,018	601	176
North Carolina	1894	20	3	....	6	1	1	4	12	339	53	28
North Dakota	1894	31	1	1	16	....	...	3	7	368	22	52
Ohio	1894	368	106	53	141	94	5	97	52	7,566	190	142
Oregon	1893	35	6	....	30	....	....	2	6	368	42	61
Pennsylvania	1894	621	73	....	105	127	1	157	73	10,594	304	145
South Dakota	1894	124	3	1	17	8	....	8	10	755	95	75
Tennessee	1894	61	17	2	25	23	2	15	16	1,094	...	68
Texas	1894	180	27	7	70	43	1	20	31	1,975	70	64
Vermont	1894	70	3	1	15	3	2	15	10	1,283	39	128
Virginia	1893	120	13	1	64	13	1	13	21	1,251	38	60
Washington	1893	57	49	....	6	1	....	6	8	509	95	64
West Virginia	1894	49	10	2	10	12	....	14	10	726	25	72
Wisconsin	1893	147	76	27	87	4	....	28	26	2,724	237	105
Wyoming	1894	30	....	....	3	2	....	2	5	221	23	44
Grand Encampment U. S.	1892	330	38	18	49	38	....	56	30	2,655	243	88
Totals in United States	....	7169	1193	366	1981	1077	40	1393	971	103,303	4306	111
Canada	1894	7195	30	3	37	17	....	17	31	1,273	157	41
England and Wales	1893	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	104	3,000	....	....
Ireland	1893	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	41	1,300	....	....
Scotland	1893	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	450	....	...
Victoria, Australia	1893	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	80	....	...
Total in the World		7364	1223	369	2018	1094	40	1410	1161	109,606	4367	...

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing review gives unmistakable evidence of the growth and prosperity of the Order of Knights Templars. There has been a gratifying gain in numbers and in funds, notwithstanding the financial stress that has prevailed throughout all parts of this country. Nearly all of the jurisdictions have participated in the general prosperity. The Templar organization was never so strong or popular as at the time of this writing. Its influence and its benign service are greater than ever before. The outlook for the future is every way auspicious and encouraging.

By a careful reading of the proceedings placed in our hands we have been impressed with the fact that the present is an era of good feeling among Templar organizations and Knights Templars generally. A loyal constituency, thoroughly united, seems animated by one and the same purpose, viz., to maintain the true glory of Templary, and to apply its principles in the directions made evident by its lessons and symbolism,—and especially by that most sacred sign, the Cross of Calvary.

The year included in our review has been a quiet and uneventful one in Templar history. There have been few disturbing questions presented. Never within the memory of the present writer has there been such an absence of discussion relative to matters of law and polity, and methods of procedure. Even where some differences have been shown, involving discussion as to principles or the best manner of securing direct results, the consideration accorded such subjects has been conducted in the most kindly and fraternal spirit.

The Ritual adopted at Denver, in 1892, somewhat delayed in its distribution, is now accepted in all the jurisdictions. The reports which we have read show that it gives general satisfaction. Let us hope that the ritual question has been settled to remain settled. It has been hinted that a revised Knights of Malta ritual might be found needful for the completion of the Templar system of instruction; but most certainly there can be no urgency of need in this direction.

We notice with satisfaction the increasing practice by Commanderies of devoting one day in the year to special Christian services. Ascension Day would seem in many respects best adapted for such a distinctive Templar occasion, but whether that day, or Good Friday, or Easter Sunday, be chosen, it is pleasant to consider that the observance, commended by the Grand Encampment, is meeting with growing favor.

The Grand Master was remembered and honored, in 1893, by a Christmas toast, according to the custom observed for a number of years and approved by the action of the Grand Encampment at Denver. The fellowship and sentiment associated with the Christmas toast commend the practice. Its general observance, now provided for in an orderly manner, will be likely to continue, and consequently great care should be taken to throw around it all proper restraints and limitations.

As already intimated, while there are few "burning questions" touched upon in the recent addresses of Grand Commanders or discussed in reports of Correspondents, there are yet plenty of topics which have abiding interest. One of these subjects is the establishment of permanent headquarters at Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, for the Grand Encampment. We still hold to the opinion that it would be well to approve this proposition. Another subject of some present interest is to define what constitutes a Masonic or Templar occasion, justifying the appearance of a Commandery in public. Ought Commanderies to turn out with music and banners to participate in a civic celebration, or merely to render desired aid to some charitable enterprise? Evidently there is a possibility that Templar organizations may be inclined to parade more frequently than the good of the Order requires.

In turning the pages of proceedings we have noted the preparations going forward in nearly every jurisdiction to ensure attendance at the Triennial at Boston in August, 1895. It is very pleasant to record the fact that so much interest is shown in the approaching gathering, which promises to be a notable event. Much is expected of the Grand Commandery to which this report is primarily addressed, and we have no fear that there will be any disappointment of reasonable expectations. Most assuredly there will be a hearty welcome from the fraters of Mass. and R. I. to all the Templars of the land who may gather on this joyous, festival occasion. The receptions, entertainments, parades, and various festivities, more or less directly connected with the Triennial gathering, will doubtless receive due attention and minister not a little of satisfaction. One such occasion, the Reunion of Correspondents, will most assuredly be a glad season of fellowship and social privilege to those belonging to the guild. But the meeting of the Grand Encampment is of the first importance. At this Triennial Conclave will assemble the representatives of thirty-nine Grand Commanderies—numbering more than one hundred thousand Knights Templars—charged with important functions of deliberation and determination bearing upon the welfare of the Order. May we not anticipate that the next Triennial session of the Grand Encampment will conspicuously bear witness to the ability and zeal of its members, and to their wisdom in enacting such measures as may be conducive to the advancement of our cherished Order! Thus will the Triennial of 1895 best justify itself.

It must be felt and declared that the Templar organization has a mission in the world—that it does not exist for pleasure or ornament. It will not suffice for us to merely say that the Order is "founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtnes"—we must show the fruits of our profession. Thus, as Knights Templars, we must practically follow the blessed Immanuel, who, when He was on the earth in mortal form, "went about doing good," and whose word to His disciples was, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. . . . If any man will come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me." It is by some actual service in the ways of blessing and helping our fellowmen that we shall best attest our allegiance to the crucified and risen Master, and our appreciation of the lessons which have been taught to us in the asylums of our respective Commanderies.

In writing the closing lines of this report a pensive feeling comes over our thought as we are reminded of the recent passing over to the majority of one and another with whom we have held pleasant communion. Just now the announcement comes of the death of Sir Knight Jos. K. Wheeler of Connecticut, Grand Recorder and writer of Correspondence for that Templar jurisdiction. He was a brother of kindly spirit and generous sentiments, possessed of a chivalrous and Christ loving heart. He has gone forward to clearer light—to immortal blessedness. What remains for us, tarrying a little longer here beneath the shadows of earth, than to cherish the memory and worth of dear departed ones, live at our best and make the most of the present state of being, being always incited by the empty tomb and the risen Christ, to look forward to the land of the immortals where there is larger, freer, happier life, and abiding peace. Thus may we join in the song of Christian Hope:

I hear it singing, singing sweetly,
  Softly in an undertone,
Singing as if God had taught it,
  "It is better farther on!"

Night and day it brings the message,
  Sings it while I sit alone;
Sings so that the heart may hear it,
  "It is better farther on!"

Sits upon the grave and sings it,
  Sings it when the heart would groan,
Sings it when the shadows darken,
  "It is better farther on."

Farther on? Oh! how much farther?
  Count the mile-stones one by one!
No! no counting—only trusting
  "It is better farther on!"

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Rugg,
P. Voorhees Finch.

October, 1894.

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GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, *Medford, Mass*	R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir Eugene H. Richards, *Boston, Mass*	V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
Sir William R. Walker, *Pawtucket, R. I*	E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Walter Cutting, *Pittsfield, Mass.*	E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John, *Haverhill, Mass*	E. Grand Prelate.
Sir George L. Shepley, *Providence R. I*	E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Herbert F. Morse, *Roxbury, Mass*	E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir James H. Upham, *Dorchester, Mass*	E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Benjamin W. Rowell, *Lynn, Mass.*	E. Grand Recorder.
Sir Winthrop Messenger, *Melrose, Mass*	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir George E. Hilton, *Lynn, Mass*	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir Henry G. Jordan, *Boston, Mass*	E. Grand Warder.
Sir Albion F. Welch, *Danvers, Mass*	E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir George H. Kenyon, *Providence, R. I*	E. Grand Lecturers.
Sir Freeman C. Hersey, *Boston, Mass*	
Sir Henry S. Rowe, *Boston, Mass.*	
Sir Charles H. Crane, *Somerville, Mass.*	
Sir Henry D. Wilder, *Malden, Mass*	Grand Sentinel.
R. E. Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, *Providence, R. I.*	Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
E. Sir Rev. P. Voorhees Finch, *Greenfield, Mass.*	
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E. Sir John Carr, *Boston, Mass*	
R. E. Sir George H. Burnham, *Providence, R. I.*	
E. Sir Charles E. A. Bartlett, *Lowell, Mass.*	
E. Sir James H. Upham, *Dorchester, Mass.*	